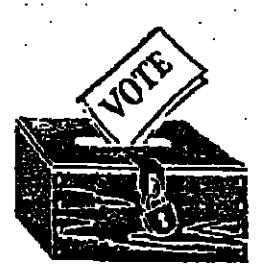


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SECOND EDITION



Riot police and Buddhist monks scuffle at a rally in Seoul yesterday.

(APF)

Tens of thousands of riot police in action Seoul cracks down on protests

SEOUL (AP). - Tens of thousands of riot police brutally broke up protests and dispersed crowds with tear gas yesterday in a major show of strength after the government warned it would not tolerate continuation of the nationwide disturbances.

Clashes were reported in at least eight cities.

Protesters who tried to demonstrate in Seoul were quickly charged by riot police hurling tear gas and rocks, and also by special martial arts attack squads. Crowds of protesters and pedestrians were tear-gassed, and police were seen hitting and kicking bystanders and beating arrested protesters.

The major show of strength in Seoul and the unusually rough police tactics came after a riot police officer had been killed in disturbances the night before.

"Down with the military dictatorship," chanted protesters, some of whom hurled firebombs and rocks at attacking policemen in a clash around the Bank of Korea in the city center. Similar running clashes erupted elsewhere.

Squads of police in combat uniforms and helmets lined main streets and intersections as columns of officers in buses and trucks patrolled the capital. Officials said the entire 120,000-man national police force had been mobilized to halt the demonstrations.

The nationwide demonstrations appeared smaller and less violent yesterday compared with vicious

street battles that have flared in Seoul and other cities since opposition groups launched a drive on June 10 to oust President Chun Doo-hwan and force the holding of democratic elections.

Police firing tear gas clashed with a procession of Buddhist monks who tried to march in Seoul after calling a "Save the Nation" rally. Thousands of police surrounded Chogyo temple to keep the protesters from getting through, and some of the monks battled officers.

In Pusan, riot police defending a central city plaza fought off thousands of protesters and supporters who tried to penetrate police lines from three sides in hours of to-and-fro conflict.

A report from Washington says that the U.S. government, concerned about escalating violence and the safety of Americans in South Korea, is supporting moderation and political compromise.

"We have informed Korea through a variety of channels that we believe they should continue a dialogue with the opposition on constitutional reform," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters on Friday.

He added that South Korean officials are being advised "that they should work to end the strife there as soon as possible by peaceful means and that we hope they will use caution and restraint."

State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said later: "We understand that" South Korean

President Chun Doo-hwan's ruling Democratic Justice Party "may be considering a more flexible approach to the current political crisis...including reopening discussions on constitutional revision, as well as movement on other issues."

The department, meanwhile, cautioned Americans visiting South Korea to "avoid large public gatherings in areas where demonstrations are under way."

It was the first official U.S. travel advisory for South Korea that officials could recall. Mrs. Oakley emphasized that it was "simply an indication of our concern for American citizens."

She said the advisory should not be regarded as reflecting U.S. lack of confidence in the Chun government's ability to maintain order.

In West Berlin, Mayor Eberhard Diepgen said his city is prepared to host the 1988 summer Olympics if the unrest in Seoul forces officials to move the games away from the South Korean capital, a newspaper reported yesterday.

In an interview with the mass-circulation *Bild am Sonntag* Diepgen said Olympic events would have to be held in both East Berlin and West Berlin if the games were to be held in Germany.

But Diepgen, echoing statements by members of the International Olympic Committee, also said he believed the games would be held in Seoul as planned, despite the increasingly violent anti-government protests.

Weekend strikes prompt warnings on wage pacts

Jerusalem Post Staff

A blackout of the nation's electronic media and curtailment by Egged of its operations around the country provided the background over the weekend for warnings by industrialists and the Histadrut over upcoming wage talks.

Radio and television programmes were taken off the air as a dispute that began with wage demands by television technicians spread to embrace all Hebrew programmes of the Israel Broadcasting Authority including, for the first time, news programmes.

Egged buses stopped running earlier than usual on Friday and began later than usual last night in order to pressure the government to provide monies it says it is owed.

Although both issues seem relatively minor in themselves, they are evidently being regarded by both industrialists and the Histadrut as possible pattern setters for future negotiations.

Industrial leaders warned last night that a clear victory by Egged strikers could be regarded by organized labour as a signal to harden its bargaining stance. This could re-establish Israel's inflationary spiral, they warned.

Haim Haberfeld, head of the Histadrut's Trade Union section, warned last week that the Histadrut might "take action" this week if public sector wage talks with the government remain stalled. He apparently meant that the labour federation would give formal notice of its intention to begin work disruptions if the talks did not start producing results.

It was Haberfeld on Friday who ordered a complete shutdown of all Hebrew programming in a move said by sources in the Broadcasting Authority to have been deliberately intended to set the stage for nationwide strikes.

Histadrut public sector trade unions are to meet tomorrow to discuss possible labour sanctions

following the lack of progress in wage negotiations with the Treasury. The Histadrut is demanding across-the-board wage increases, a shorter work week and better pension benefits.

Industrial leaders were careful to distance the Egged dispute - between a cooperative and the government - from upcoming labour-management negotiations. They warned, however, that if the government gave in to Egged's demands, it would be a bad omen for the coming labour negotiations in both public and private sector institutions.

"When you use force and you gain, then other people think they're stupid (not to use the same tactics)," said Michael Strauss of Strauss Dairies in Nahariya. "We don't know who is right and who is wrong, but people shouldn't use a strike as their first move."

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Egged easing sanctions... But radio, TV unclear

By JONATHAN KARP

For The Jerusalem Post

Egged will ease its sanctions this morning, a leading member of the bus cooperative, Shlomo Levin, told *The Jerusalem Post* late last night.

Service will start today at the regular time of around 5 a.m., and there will be a full, regular service during the day, Levin added, however, that disruptions to night-time service will continue, with suburban and rural lines stopping at 6:00 and urban buses stopping at 7:00 throughout the country.

Levin, who was Egged's chairman until he resigned with the entire secretariat last Thursday, said that Egged had decided to resume the full morning service so that people would not be late for work. He denied that the cooperative was backing down in its dispute with the government.

On the contrary, he warned, a full strike was inevitable if the government did not allocate required funds. "It's not a question of whether there will be one (a full strike), but when."

The dispute, which has seen disruptions in Egged's service for the past six days, is not on the cabinet's agenda for today, but government sources said that it may be discussed.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu has been abroad for the duration of the limited strike, and the ministry spokeswoman said yesterday that she did not expect him to return early. He is due back tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Egged, too, is operating without its leaders, following the secretariat's resignation to evade a court injunction ordering an end to the disruptions.

Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor insisted that a solution depended on the Transport Ministry's allocating funds it owed the cooperative.

The disruptions continued yesterday, the regular Saturday service in Haifa and Eilat did not operate. With the exception of major lines from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Haifa and Beer Sheva, all services resumed several hours late last evening, starting at 7:30.

The Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court this morning is to discuss charges filed last week against Egged by the Transport Ministry. The ministry charges that the strike violates transport regulations and the law on the supply of commodities and services. Conviction means a fine and/or imprisonment. The Transport Ministry is to ask for prison terms, sources said last night.

On Friday the Jerusalem District Court postponed until Tuesday a ruling on two Egged motions against last Thursday's injunctions which ordered it to resume full services. One motion sought to delay the implementation of the temporary restraining orders and the second asked that the injunctions be cancelled.

Egged also appealed to the Supreme Court on Friday against Thursday's District Court orders. Egged argued that the orders should be cancelled because the court issued them *ex parte*, without hearing the bus cooperative's arguments.

Also on Friday, the Jerusalem District Court postponed until Tuesday a ruling on a request by the Consumer Council that the court fine and even imprison members of Egged's secretariat.

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

No one could say yesterday whether radio and TV broadcasts would resume today after the Histadrut, in a show of strength on Friday, ordered a strike.

IBA legal adviser Nathan Cohen said the authority had no intention of seeking an injunction to get technicians back to work. However, he described the Histadrut's action as "illegal." The labour federation had failed to give the mandatory two weeks notice before calling a strike, he said.

The technicians - seeking a 6 per cent rise retroactive to April 1, 1985, awarded to them by a Labour Court, but not implemented by the IBA for lack of Treasury approval - have been taking sanctions for the last two weeks.

Last Thursday, when they announced only minutes before the broadcast time of the TV Mabat news that it would not be relayed for another hour, IBA director-general Uri Porat reacted by ordering broadcasts not to resume at all that evening. He said he would press for IBA management to approve a lock-out. On Friday the IBA management committee decided to send television technicians home without pay until they agreed to work in a regular and orderly manner.

Histadrut trade union chief Haim Haberfeld reacted by threatening to close down Israel Radio and Television, Education TV and the Second Channel. Israel Radio was silenced early Friday afternoon, and television transmission ended with the afternoon broadcast of *The Palmers*.

It was the first time in the history

of radio and TV strikes that Israel Radio's local Hebrew programmes, including news, were silenced. Arabic broadcasts and those for overseas listeners were not affected. Second Channel TV broadcasts were also not affected.

So far, there has been no headway in negotiations for new wage agreements between the Histadrut and the Treasury.

Porat on Friday told Haberfeld that he could not permit the television technicians to become pawns in the battle between the Histadrut and the Treasury. He would use all the resources at his disposal to prevent the unions from usurping the authority of management. It was not the place of the unions to dictate which programmes to broadcast and which to axe, Porat said.

The chief of Army Radio, Nahman Shai, who was deluged yesterday with phone calls from people asking why Army Radio was not broadcasting the news, said that it was not the practice of the army to become involved in labour disputes. Just as the IDF was not manning Egged buses, he explained, "we're not going to break this strike unless we're ordered to do so by the defence minister."

Army Radio did broadcast its late-night and pre-dawn news bulletins on Friday and yesterday. It will continue with its regular news flashes today. These may be given at more frequent intervals if there is no let-up on the strike.

Even though it did not broadcast news yesterday, Army Radio was monitoring local and foreign news, and if anything of major importance had happened, Shai noted, "we would have reported it."

Murphy:

Jordan would weigh 'partial' agreement

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - Jordan does not reject out of hand a partial agreement with Israel but acceptance would depend on its being part of an overall settlement. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy told Communications Minister Gad Yacobi here yesterday.

When Yacobi pointed out that the Camp David accords already envisaged a partial settlement with Jordan to be followed five years later by a comprehensive settlement, Murphy said this was his impression that Jordan wanted a shorter transition period.

Yacobi told Murphy that while the Israeli cabinet was split on an international Middle East peace conference, he thought that agreement could be achieved on an interim accord with Jordan.

Habash terrorist cell smashed in West Bank

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER and YEHUDA LITANI
Post Middle East Staff

The arrest by the Shin Bet of PFLP cell members who assassinated former Nablus mayor Zafar al-Masri last year is likely to create resentment in the territories towards the PLO, which recently reunited with George Habash's PFLP.

OC Central Command Aluf Amran Mitzna announced the arrest of members of the highly-trained and motivated terrorist cell at a press conference on Friday.

He said the cell carried out the Nablus assassination of al-Masri on March 2, 1985, as well as the killings of two Israelis, Albert Buchris and Jamil Faras, on July 3, 1985, and January 11, 1981 respectively.

Sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the arrests put PLO supporters in Nablus in a particularly embarrassing situation since Yasser Arafat's deputy, Abu Jihad, had sworn to avenge al-Masri's murder in March, 1985. Al-Masri's funeral was trans-

formed into a pro-PLO demonstration and PLO supporters even printed T-shirts bearing the slain mayor's profile.

But this spring, the PLO reunited with the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) - which apparently ordered al-Masri's assassination from Damascus.

The terrorist cell, described by Mitzna as unusually daring and professional, made a total of six assassination attempts over a two-year period - three of which only injured their victims.

The most recent incident on May 23, an apparent attempt to kill Jenin mayor Abdallah Lahul, finally led to the exposure of the terrorist cell, said highly placed military sources.

In that incident, a single assassin shot and slightly injured Lahul's nephew, 4, who was in a car alongside Jenin's municipal building - and then escaped in a getaway car.

Mitzna said that the cell received

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London Times:

'Israelis revamping Chinese arms'

By DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - Israel is sending hundreds of military technicians to Beijing to refit and modernize Soviet-made tanks and artillery for the Chinese army. *The Times* reported this weekend.

The technicians, most of whom work for commercial weapons companies in Israel, have gone to China "with the tacit permission of the Israeli government," the report added.

For over a year, the technicians have been flying out to Beijing, upgrading hundreds of Russian tanks with new fire-control systems, laser range-finders and new guns, says the paper.

The Times quoted Israeli sources as saying that the technicians travel in groups of 24, for three-month stints.

Winds up four-nation tour of West Africa

Shamir seeks African help on Ethiopian Jews

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

YAMOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast. - The African leaders with whom Prime Minister Shamir met last night in Yamoussoukro Airport, allow Ethiopia's remaining Jewish population to emigrate to Israel. Shamir said this at a press conference here yesterday at the end of his four-nation tour of West Africa.

Shamir said that he had asked the leaders - President Paul Biya of Cameroon, President Gnassingbe Eyadema of Togo, President Samuel Doe of Liberia and President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast - to intervene with the Ethiopians to allow "reunification of families" and that these leaders had agreed.

Summarizing the tour, which ended with Houphouet-Boigny's leave-taking of the prime minister last night at Yamoussoukro Airport, Shamir said that it had strengthened ties with Israel in each country visited, had helped re-establish Israel in Africa and had given the Africans a sense that "the west was interested in them and did not ignore them."

"The Africans live with a sense that the West is uninterested in them and does not take their views and interests into account" said Shamir. His visit, he said, served to some extent to repair the damage. It demonstrated to the Africans that Israel was interested in Africa.

Moreover, said Shamir, it had triggered renewed interest in a number of (other) black African states in renewing ties with Israel.

For lack of time - "these countries are unable to arrange a state visit within 24 or 48 hours" - more countries were not included in Shamir's tour.

The prime minister was referring, apparently, to Equatorial Guinea, which last week, while Shamir was in Cameroon, sent a special emissary to Yamoussoukro to invite Shamir to visit his country.

Shamir's aides told the emissary that Shamir would agree on condition that Equatorial Guinea was ready to announce the renewal of relations while he was there. The country's president apparently replied that he was unwilling, and the visit was dropped from the agenda.

But Shamir said that "without doubt" other countries will soon renew relations with Israel.

Shamir spent some eight hours on Friday and yesterday in talks with Houphouet-Boigny, and Shamir aides said "the chemistry was right" between the two.

The two leaders reportedly reviewed world problems, the Middle East, African affairs and economic issues.

Shamir said he did not ask any African leader to intercede with other African states to renew relations with Israel, "but off their own bat some of the leaders proposed that they do this."

All the leaders he met were pleased with Israel's aid to their countries, said Shamir.

Meanwhile on events making headlines Shamir noted that he viewed the Vatican invitation to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim "with great sadness." Waldheim is accused of very grave crimes, Shamir said, and "this legitimized him. The invitation is to be condemned."

Shamir also implied that he had not been consulted by Foreign Minister Peres about issuing visas to the Soviet delegation. "The cabinet had decided that there should be reciprocity - not necessarily simultaneously but reciprocity."

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Syria warns kidnappers to free U.S. newsman

BEIRUT (AP). — Syria yesterday warned it would not wait long for kidnappers to free American journalist Charles Glass, as rival Shi'ite Moslem factions battled in south Beirut's slums where foreign hostages are believed held.

Police said three combatants were killed and 11 wounded before a truce took hold at daybreak in fighting between gunmen of the prominent Shi'ite Mokdad clan and supporters of Akl Hamieh, military commander of the sect's mainstream Amal militia.

They fought for local dominance, according to police.

The staccato of gunfire and shell blasts echoed across the capital as the antagonists fought from street to street in the densely inhabited suburbs of Rowass and Haret Hreik.

The sprawling Haret Hreik is widely believed to be the area where pro-Iranian Shi'ite extremists are holding many of the 25 foreign hostages kidnapped since March 1985.

Although the hostilities are not connected with the hostages issue, police said many of them would have been frightened by the thunderous blasts around their secret jails.

The fighting was close to the residence of Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, the nation's most influential Shi'ite cleric and spiritual guide of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah or Party of God.

The Syrian command renewed its demand for a "speedy and unconditional release" of Glass and Ali Osseiran, son of Lebanon's Defence Minister Adel Osseiran, sources

close to the command said.

The two men were grabbed Wednesday by 14 kidnappers in south Beirut's seaside Ouzai district, a Hezbollah stronghold. It was the first abduction of a foreigner since the Syrians entered west Beirut February 22.

The Syrian demand for the release of the two men was relayed by telephone yesterday morning to Fadlallah and the leaderships of various Shi'ite factions, including Hizbullah, the sources said.

"The Syrian command has warned that it's not going to wait too long for its demand to be met," said one source, speaking on condition of

Jewish hostage said executed

BEIRUT (AP). — An underground group says it killed hostage Elie Srour, head of Lebanon's Jewish community, in retaliation for Israeli attacks on Shi'ite villages.

The claim was made through a handwritten statement in Arabic, delivered to the independent Beirut newspaper *Al-Nahar* on Friday.

It was the second time the group had reported Srour's "execution." The previous time was on December 31, 1986, when the group announced it had executed Srour

together with two other Lebanese Jews, Yahouda Benesti and Henri Mann. No bodies have ever been found.

anonymity.

"It made it plain to the recipients that it wants both men freed unharmed quickly and unconditionally. The Syrians simply cannot afford to let the kidnappers get away with it."

Harek Hreik is outside the control of the 7,500 Syrian troops deployed in Moslem west Beirut to curb three years of militia anarchy.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Attorney General Mounif Oweidat resigned yesterday as special judicial investigator into the assassination of prime minister Rashid Karamah earlier this month.

"My resignation is final," Oweidat said. He did not elaborate.

Supreme Court President Amin Nassar, who named Oweidat to the post 12 days ago, summoned the 10-member body to an extraordinary meeting to consider the sudden resignation.

There was no immediate official word on what led Oweidat, a Sunni Moslem like Karamah, to resign.

Only the previous day Oweidat announced that the first phase of his investigation had been completed, and that the second phase was about to begin.

"I will resign the moment I feel that the investigation is facing obstacles," he had declared Friday in a televised interview.

Omar Karamah, a brother of the late premier, reacted angrily to Oweidat's remarks and accused him in a statement published yesterday of "playing for time and joining the procrastinators."



Huang Chao-hui, an opposition member of the Taiwanese national assembly, tries to climb over police barring him and 10 other of his party from reaching the presidential office in Taipei yesterday. They wanted to meet President Chiang Ching-kuo to discuss political reforms, including a revised constitution and reorganization of the parliament. It was the first attempt by the opposition to meet the president face to face. (AFP photo)

Basque bomb kills 15, hurts 35 in Barcelona

BARCELONA (AP). — The government late Friday condemned a Basque terrorist bomb blast at a department store that killed 15 people and injured 35 as "an indiscriminate and collective attack that affects all Spaniards."

Seven men, five women and three children were killed in the Friday blast of a car packed with explosives in the Hipercor store's underground parking lot, according to regional officials.

The death toll was the highest in any single attack by the Basque separatist group Eta, which began its terror attacks in 1968.

The government said the bombing was the first by Basque terrorists directed mainly against civilians. Before Friday, Eta had claimed responsibility for killing nearly 600 people, mainly police, Civil Guard and milit-

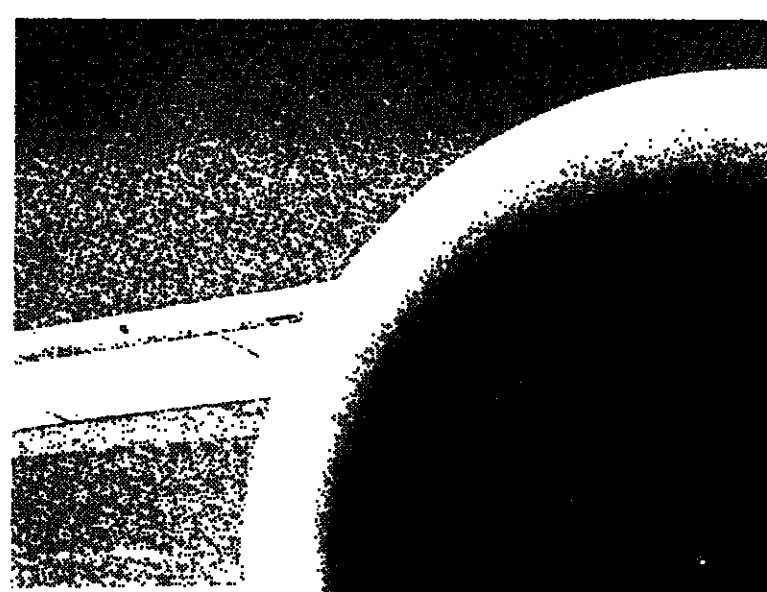
ary officers.

Eta, whose initials stand for Basque Homeland and Liberty, seeks independence from Spain for the three-province northern Basque country.

Interior Minister Jose Barionuevo said the group maintained a commando unit in Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city and the site of the 1992 summer Olympic games.

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez pledged yesterday to step up government efforts to eradicate Basque terrorism.

"We will renew our combat against terrorism with a cool head and every measure permitted us under the law," Gonzalez told reporters after cutting short a state visit to Brazil following the Friday attack.



NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Devi Lal, the local political boss who humbled Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in state elections last Wednesday, was sworn in yesterday as chief minister of Haryana State.

The 73-year-old politician, who collapsed exhausted on Thursday after his stunning victory, left his hospital bed in New Delhi to be sworn in, along with a five-man cabinet, by State Governor S.M.H. Burney.

His rural-based Lok Dal (People's Party) and the allied Hindu-

revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) (Indian People's Party) swept Gandhi's Congress (I) from power in Haryana in a vote seen as a major test of the prime minister's popularity after a series of electoral setbacks in other states.

The landslide surprised observers. It was one of Congress' worst ever losses in a state election, as the party slumped in the 90-member state assembly from 61 seats to five. The Lok Dal-BJP allies swept all before them, surging to 73 seats.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Bahamas premier wins sixth term

NASSAU. — Prime Minister Lynden Pindling won an unprecedented sixth term in Bahamas' general elections Friday despite the opposition's campaign dominated by charges of drug corruption in his government, according to unofficial results reported by state-run radio.

With roughly 95 per cent of the vote counted by noon yesterday, Pindling's centrist Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) was claiming 30 of the 49 seats in the House of Assembly, a clear majority. The opposition centre-right Free National Movement (FNM) took 16 seats and independents captured two.

Analysts said the PLP was expected to win most of the 10 undecided seats.

Chirac confirms new plane for navy, air force

PARIS (Reuters). — French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac said yesterday both the French navy and air force would operate the French Rafale fighter jet from 1996.

His announcement in a speech at the Paris Air Show followed several weeks of uncertainty over the plane's future as a result of doubts expressed by Defence Ministry officials over its suitability for the navy.

The Rafale is being built by a French consortium comprising the aircraft makers Avions Marcel Dassault, the electronics and radar group Thomson-CSF and the engine-makers Snecma.

Police chief, ex-official slain in Philippines

OZAMIS CITY, Philippines (AP). — Suspected Communist rebels shot and killed a former provincial governor and a police chief in northern Mindanao Island about 800 kilometres south of Manila, police said yesterday.

Former governor Fortunato Sagrado and police Capt. Diosnato Atay were killed by some 10 armed men who barged into a private home on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Christian Mindanao Liberation Front claimed responsibility yesterday for bombing a radio station transmitter and setting fire to scores of businesses two weeks ago.

Argentine courts endorse controversial law as legal

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Three federal courts Thursday declared constitutional a controversial new law granting immunity to most officers accused of human rights abuses during the former military government.

The law is challenged by human rights groups.

The decisions by courts in the Buenos Aires suburb of San Martin, the northern city of Cordoba and the northwestern city of Mendoza were the first in favour of the "due obedience" law. The measure declares most officers are not to blame for rights abuses because they were just following orders.

Captain of Stark sacked, court-martial mooted

WASHINGTON (AP). — The captain of the USS Stark and two of his top officers were relieved from duty Friday, and Pentagon sources said an investigative report had recommended courts-martial for all three.

The action came following the submission of the report to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the chief of naval operations.

The Pentagon refused to confirm Friday that the military inquiry had recommended courts-martial.

But in its statement, the Pentagon said the general in charge of the U.S. Central Command "has requested that these officers be detached (from duty) based on his lack of confidence in their performance."

"Acting on this request, Adm. Carlisle A.H. Trost, the Chief of Naval Operations, directed that these officers be relieved of their duties on board USS Stark."

Navy sources later explained the three were being relieved im-

mediately "because of what happened, not because they are being accused yet of being the cause." The recommendation for the court-martial must still be reviewed, the sources said.

According to the Pentagon statement, the decisions to order the immediate relief of the three officers was made Friday afternoon.

The order affects Capt. Glenn R. Brindel, the Stark's commanding officer; Lt. Cmdr. Raymond J. Gajan, the executive officer, or second-in-command; and Lt. Basil E. Moncrief Jr., the tactical action officer. The tactical action officer is responsible for directing the use of the ship's weaponry.

The Stark was attacked May 17 by an Iraqi warplane while on routine patrol in the Gulf. Two Exocet missiles struck the ship, one of which detonated. Thirty-seven sailors died in the attack and another 21 were injured.

Teheran threatens U.S. targets

Iraqi warplanes hit Iran-bound tanker

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP). — Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi yesterday threatened "crushing blows" against U.S. targets in the Gulf after Iraqi warplanes attacked an Iran-bound oil tanker and the Kharg Island terminal, ending a one-month lull in the "tanker war."

Iraq announced its first attack on a commercial ship in Iranian tanker lanes since their accidental May 17 strike on the U.S. frigate Stark, in which 37 American sailors died.

Baghdad's warplanes "attacked a large maritime target off the Iranian coast, achieving an accurate and effective hit," a military spokesman announced on the state-run radio, monitored in Bahrain.

He also announced that the ship attack was preceded by a raid on Iran's vital Kharg Island oil terminal at the northern end of the Gulf. He described that raid, which was timed shortly after midnight, as "violent and daring."

Gulf-based shipping executives had no immediate confirmation for the Iraqi raids.

Yesterday Musavi, speaking on Teheran Radio monitored in Nicosia, charged Iran "has evidence that Kuwait provided facilities" for an air strike against an unidentified tanker

in the northern waters of the Gulf at dawn.

He did not elaborate, but the Iranians have in the past charged that Iraqi warplanes regularly fly through Kuwaiti air space on their anti-shiping missions.

Musavi claimed the attack on the tanker was designed to "pave the way for America's presence in the region."

The first of 11 Kuwaiti tankers being registered in the U.S. to afford them protection from Iranian attacks is expected to reach the Gulf by the end of the month.

The Iranians have warned the re-flagging will not deter them from hitting Kuwaiti vessels or those trading with the emirate. Teheran charges Kuwait aids Iraq in the 6½-year-old Gulf War.

In Washington, the White House said Thursday there is only a "low to moderate" chance that U.S. servicemen and ships may be attacked in the Gulf, despite a CIA warning that risks are high that Iran may sponsor such attacks.

Presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the CIA assessment "relates to the possibility of terrorism against Kuwait, which is something different than the risk to our military people."

U.S. - Soviet arms talks at crucial stage

GENEVA. — Chief Soviet arms negotiator Yuri Vorontsov arrived from Moscow yesterday to take charge of his team as superpower talks on slashing nuclear missile arsenals reach a crucial stage.

"It's a very important round," Vorontsov told reporters.

Asked whether he had a response to a U.S. call for the scrapping of all shorter-range missiles, or a long-awaited draft treaty on strategic arms, Vorontsov said: "Well, you'll see it later on."

Chief U.S. negotiator Max Kampelman arrived last week to assess progress in three separate sets of talks with the Soviets on long-range nuclear missiles, intermediate-range missiles and space weapons.

The chief negotiators agreed at the start of the round to return to Geneva whenever their teams needed a push to keep up momentum. They are expected to stay about 10 days.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday that the retiring commander of American and Nato forces in Europe was "obviously ridiculous" when he accused the White House of rushing toward an arms deal with the Soviets for domestic reasons.

The proposed agreement with the Soviets is "very much in our interest," Shultz said during a flight from Singapore to Sydney, where he and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger will meet Australian leaders tomorrow for talks on Pacific Security issues.

Supreme Allied Commander Bernard Rogers, who will retire June 26 after eight years as commander of allied forces, has been outspoken in voicing concern that Nato will be vulnerable to massive Soviet conventional forces without adequate nuclear defences.

In an interview published by the *Washington Post* last week, Rogers accused the administration of rushing into a deal with the Soviets so that it could claim a triumph before leaving office. He also said the U.S. had applied too much pressure to get the support of its Nato allies.

The White House rejected Rogers' assertions last week, but in his first comment about yesterday, Shultz reacted in a more personal way.

"I think ... his statements that things happened in a big rush is obviously ridiculous," the Secretary said.

In terms of going around twisting arms, that's a curious way to describe the intense and I think very much appreciated consultations with Europeans to enlist their support, Shultz said.

Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union conducted underground nuclear tests yesterday.

The U.S. blast in the Nevada was the second this week and the eighth since the beginning of this year.

(Reuters, AP)

New ruler of oil sheikhdom consolidates hold after coup

MANAMA (AFP). — Sheikh Abdel Aziz bin Mohammed al-Qassimi consolidated his hold on the oil-rich emirate of Sharjah yesterday after ousting his brother from power over charges that he mismanaged state finances.

Sheikh Abdel Aziz said that his deposed brother, Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed al-Qassimi, no longer posed a "threat."

Sheikh Abdel Aziz dismissed the possibilities of a clash with the nearby emirate of Dubai, which with Sharjah forms the seven-member United Arab Emirates federation.

The Supreme Council, the highest

governing body of the seven-member federation, was due to meet yesterday evening. The council has rejected as "null and void" the replacement of Sheikh Sultan by his brother.

The council interrupted its work on Friday to allow for Arab negotiations spearheaded by Saudi Arabia to end the conflict.

But Sheikh Abdel Aziz, who has described the takeover as a "simple family dispute" over what he said was economic mismanagement by his brother and "corruption," said that the situation was "evolving favourably" for him.

Dutch ban new investment in S. Africa

THE HAGUE (AP). — Holland on Friday banned new Dutch investments in South Africa to become the first country to endorse a European Economic Community decision on the issue.

Under proposed legislation, announced by Prime Minister Lubbers, it will be illegal for Dutch companies to make new investments in South Africa, but existing investments will not be affected.

It was not yet clear when the new legislation will be submitted to par-

liament, or when it would take effect if passed.

The proposed law is expected to encounter little opposition. Earlier this year a number of Dutch companies withdrew from South Africa. However, the Anglo-Dutch Shell multinational has repeatedly said that although it "abhors" apartheid, it believes it can more effectively press for reforms by retaining its South African commercial operations.

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Agency urged to discuss Negev, Galilee

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

Changing the face of the Negev and the empty areas of Galilee is one of the three major elements in a nine-page "Agenda for the 1990s" that Dr. Avraham Avihai, world chairman of Keren Hayesod, has asked the Jewish Agency Assembly to discuss this week.

The assembly holds its first meeting tonight at the Jerusalem Theatre, where it will be addressed by President Chaim Herzog.

Starting from the premise that Jewish Agency programming is becoming less relevant to major issues in Israel, Avihai says his proposal aims "to restore direction to our work and that of our thousands of supporters and volunteers worldwide."

Israel's two other principal needs, in Avihai's view, are more people — meaning aliya — and an educated population, equipped to find jobs and homes — which he labels "education and social programmes."

Avihai says an agricultural and social development programme for the Negev and Galilee would not only dovetail with our need for new economic initiatives, but would also unite the country and the Jewish people.

An initial \$50 million first-year budget would underpin a Decade of the Negev and Galilee, he says. Three fifths of this sum would come from the present Negev and Galilee Project budgets and from local Project Renewal programmes in those areas. The rest should come from increased fund-raising.

Turning to aliya, Avihai says he would give the government full responsibility for immigrants from the moment they arrive, with the Jewish Agency taking responsibility for special groups of immigrants who need more than standard government budgets, e.g., students and single people. And these special groups should be helped through peer groups and immigrant associations, rather than through the central bureaucracy.

To deter *yerida*, Avihai would channel a good part "of the \$90m. we allocate each year to aliya" to young Israelis who complete their national service. The money should go to help them acquire homes and finance studies.

To keep immigrants from returning to their countries of origin, more must be done on the housing front, especially for singles, with the immigrant associations assuming a greater role here, and the Jewish Agency and the government a lesser one. And the "embarrassingly small stipend" granted to student immigrants through the Student Authority "does not encourage young people to stay," he says.

If the Landau report, calling for all-purpose *shlichim* (envoys) would be properly implemented, the \$22m. saved every year could be one source of funds to finance these projects, Avihai says.

The third part of his agenda is education and social programmes. He sees three areas of

major need in education in which the Jewish Agency can work into its mandate: pre-school programmes, enrichment programmes for special high school groups and scholarship programmes for young people completing national service.

Avihai notes, for example, that many of the existing pre-school programmes are in financial straits, although detailed study of the sector's needs is required. The Jewish Agency could then contribute in a supervisory and evaluatory role, working through independent bodies, using the experiences accumulated during Project Renewal.

The Jewish Agency spends over \$100m. a year on disadvantaged families, Avihai says, but there is overlapping. He would appoint an expert team to prepare a reorganization programme. The problem, he declares, is programmatic: "How do we deliver more and deliver it better to the same target population?"

'We had to enter the 20th century'

Beduin village opts for local government

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR TUBA. — After nearly 80 years of fending for themselves, residents of this Beduin village near Rosh Pina are soon to have their own local council.

The move marks a break with tradition and a giant step into the 20th century for the 5,000 inhabitants of the settlement.

Until now the village, nestled alongside the busy Machanayim Airport, has existed without the advantages or the headaches of local or regional government.

Hussein Ismail Haib, candidate for the post of local council chairman, and headmaster of the local school, explained that the delay in appointing a local authority was due to the anachronistic attitude of village elders, and inter-ministerial wrangling on the part of the government.

He noted that for many years, in keeping with Beduin character and customs, leaders of the community had been content to let things be. Rules and regulations, taxes and bureaucracy in general were antithetical to those who remembered their nomadic roots.

Times and attitudes, however, have undergone a dramatic change. Four years ago Haib, with the backing of the majority of Tuba's residents, submitted a request for the establishment of a local council.

"Most of the residents came to the conclusion that we had to enter the 20th century or remain a backward and deprived community, in comparison with our Jewish neighbours," said Haib.

The decision to appoint a local council was made recently by the Interior Ministry in conjunction with

the office of Moshe Arens, the minister responsible for Arab affairs.

The council is slated to have nine members, including the chairman, chosen from among the eight largest families in the village. It is due to be inaugurated sometime in August.

The councilors, according to Haib, will begin by dealing with the numerous problems accumulated through years of neglect.

Topping the list is the complex and sensitive issue of illegal building. Nearly 180 houses, almost a third of all the homes in the village, were erected without building and planning permits.

Several are the subject of demolition orders and many others, because of their "illegal" status, do not have the benefit of electricity or telephones.

Neither does the village have a sewerage network, garbage disposal, street lighting or the myriad of other facilities and services which most Israeli citizens take for granted.

The settlement itself dates back to 1908, when a group of Beduin arrived at the site and decided to set up camp. Many stayed and the permanent population increased. During the War of Independence in 1948, the Beduin of Kfar Tuba, led by Haib's grandfather Sheikh Abu Yusuf, assisted the Palmach.

Despite their services, however, the settlement was not officially recognized until shortly after the Six Day War.

Haib described the decision to establish a local council for Tuba as a significant achievement. "It will be only the fourth Beduin village with a local council in the country," he said.

Digging near Wall may be damaging Mameluke building

By ANDY COURT

For The Jerusalem Post
The building which once housed the Mameluke Sultans on their visits to Jerusalem — the el-Mahkama (Tankiziyya) — has stood firmly alongside the Western Wall for over 650 years. But now city officials are concerned that digging authorized by the Religion Ministry may do the proud old el-Mahkama in.

Located in the corner of the prayer areas beside the Wall, the basement of the building is used by worshippers while soldiers keep watch on the roof. Between the two are living quarters the Defence Ministry provides for Border Police stationed in the Temple Mount area.

Over a week ago, a section of the floor suddenly sank in and a serious crack appeared in one wall, apparently as a result of the digging. City officials believe that the Religion Ministry is building an entrance near here for public groups touring archaeological sites located beneath the building and that this may be the cause of the recent problems.

Municipality spokesman Rafi Davara said that the city has asked the ministry to bring a halt to its work and measure what effect it is having on the building.

Other city officials complain that the ministry has obtained no building permit for this work, nor has it given the municipality any clear idea of what it is actually doing near the Wall.

But engineer Nattali Kidron, adviser to the Religion Ministry, says there is no connection between the recent digging and the sinking floor. The building is just suffering from old age, he said, "like a person who has been healthy for 100 years and suddenly gets sick."

Kidron added that there was no new digging going on underneath the building itself, where archaeologists have uncovered structures dating back to the Second Temple Period.

The dispute between the city and the ministry concerns "the most important building of Mameluk Jerusalem," according to Meir Ben-Dov, former supervisor for all of the Religion Ministry's archaeological digs near the Temple Mount. The building was constructed in the 1320s as a *madressa*, a Moslem religious school, founded by a Mameluk Emir named Tankiz. It was soon converted, however, into a building of great civic importance — the law court (*Mahkama*, in Arabic) and the Jerusalem residence of the Mameluk sultan, who was based in Egypt.

Throughout Ottoman, British and even Jordanian rule, the building remained a kind of Moslem High Court of Jerusalem, Ben-Dov said. It was here that the Mufti of Jerusalem held court during the British Mandate era.

In the area beneath the building, archaeologists have uncovered what Ben-Dov believes were either city council chambers, archives, or other administrative structures for the Second Temple period.

For several years now, the Wakf, the Moslem Trust which administers the Temple Mount area, has been demanding that the army return the *Mahkama* to it, arguing that the soldiers, who use a room once used for prayer as a dining hall, are desecrating a holy site.

But the Defence Ministry has held onto the building for its strategic position which allows soldiers above to observe activity in the Temple Mount area.

Threat to blow up Holocaust Museum

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — A Jewish government employee, Kenneth Kipperman, 40, faces felony charges for threatening to blow up the buildings that occupy the site of the U.S. Holocaust Museum to be built near the Washington Monument.

Police Chief Maurice T. Turner Jr. said Kipperman was not protesting against the construction of the

museum, but the demolition of the existing red brick buildings.

Kipperman held off police for three hours from atop one of the buildings, claiming that his briefcase contained explosives. During this time, federal workers were forced to evacuate nearby buildings and Washington rush hour traffic was disrupted. Kipperman later surrendered peacefully.

An engraver of government stamps, Kipperman was reportedly also frustrated that his campaign posters to fight cocaine abuse were ignored by the local media. The police have sent him to a local hospital for evaluation.

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Hikers from all over the country gathered on Mount Meron yesterday for nature-oriented walks to demonstrate solidarity with the Nature Reserves Authority, which is engaged in a land dispute with the local village of Beit Jann. (Assaf Shilo)

Air fares bewilder bargain hunters

By VICTOR SMART

LONDON. — Anthony Cox, a 23-year-old decorator from Northampton, boarded British Airways flight BA 179 recently happy in the thought that the ticket he clutched was the cheapest on offer.

His return ticket, a standby from Heathrow to New York bought in London that morning had cost £358. Once aboard, the scales soon fell from his eyes. Much to his chagrin, he found that his fellow passengers who had booked in the U.S. had saved £50 on an identical ticket.

Still more galling, a few rows away a student had an even greater bargain. For £10 less than the price of Cox's standby, Jacob Verghis from Qatar had flown twice the distance — from America to the Middle East and back via London. And he had been permitted firm reservations.

Even so, on arrival at John F. Kennedy airport 3,500 miles away, Cox's standby ticket must be judged to be value for money, especially if compared with a first-class fare. For the pleasure of a few hours of champagne and caviar, each first-class passenger had splashed out £2,562 return.

The labyrinth of air fares is grow-

ing more bewildering, airlines say. British Airways now has a basic list of 16,000 fares. There are 5.5 million combinations.

First- and business-class tickets are not widely discounted. But few passengers in "steerage" at the back of the plane can any longer be certain the ticket they have bought represents the best value available.

On each jet, scores of hugely different fares exist. Jim Harris, British Airways' director of marketing, admits: "Fares can be baffling. We know people want the security of having got the cheapest fare. But with currency fluctuations and increased competition between airlines that is hard to ensure."

Travellers this summer should refrain from inquiring how much a neighbour forked out for an identical seat. Charter operators are, if anything, worse than their scheduled counterparts.

A record 13 million air holidays are on offer this year. A tenth of those may be sold off at rock-bottom prices.

Latest of the bargains are £29 return fares to Palma and Malaga departing from London at the end of this month. Tenerife comes slightly

more pricey at £39.

It is an understandable gripe among holidaymakers that early booking is not rewarded. Intans's late-bookers will sit next to more cautious early-bookers, whose desire for peace of mind will have cost them hundreds of pounds.

Profit margins have been pared to the bone this year and operators are desperate to sell off the very last seat at any price. Without it, some companies would go bust.

Selling identical seats at vastly different rates has become a way of life. Prices depend on irksome and often confusing booking restrictions. Most airlines compound the problem by offloading thousands of their tickets to bucket shops, at about £250 across the Atlantic.

Far from simplifying matters, increased competition and lower fares are making the web of fares more tangled.

"The public wants simple fare structures and bargain prices. They don't realize this is self-contradictory. One airline, People Express, offered just one low fare and it went out of business," commented one industry source. (London Observer Service)

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TODAY

Service women

Women holding clerical or unprestigious positions in the army are less self-confident and have lower career ambition than their soldier-sisters who hold 'male' jobs, according to recent research. Lea Levavi reports.

WOMEN WHO hold "male jobs" in the IDF — as commanders of groups of male soldiers, or in technological areas — are less demoralized and more self-confident than women who command other women or do clerical work. Prof. Galia Golan of Hebrew University offered these research findings, during a recent study day at Tel Aviv University on defense and youth values.

The main problem faced by women being drafted, or already serving, in the army is that society seems to view their services as unimportant, auxiliary, at best something to raise morale.

"The most recent example I saw [of this]," Golan told the audience, "was the one woman soldier in the

film *Two Fingers from Sidon*. When you first see her in the movie, she's washing the floor. After that, she provides sexual services to one of the heroes."

Too few women have the education and skills to do the "interesting jobs" in the army, she added, and this is a problem which must be addressed. Women also lack role models since, unlike men, they do not do reserve duty and don't see large numbers of (women) reservists in their immediate environment.

There are also those who argue, somewhat convincingly, that it doesn't pay to invest in training women for responsible jobs in the IDF because they serve only two years (compared to male soldiers'

three) and will not be available for reserve duty once they have children. Pre-army training courses are one solution to this problem, Golan suggested, but other answers are also needed.

Those women who serve in the army — and particularly those who become officers — show a dramatic increase in career ambition, she re-

ported. In a "before and after" study in which girls were interviewed in twelfth grade and then three years later, it was found that 50% of those who became officers had high career ambitions at the time of the first interview, compared to 90% with such ambitions after discharge from the army.

Among girls who served as rank-and-file soldiers, there was an increase ranging from about 46 to 56%. Girls who did not serve in the army at all did not develop any increased ambition: Only 30% showed career ambitions, both in twelfth grade and three years later.

Dr. Mordechai Barlev of Bar-Ilan University, who has done studies on the attitudes of Zionist-religious



Too few women have the education and skills to do the "interesting" jobs in the army. (Joel Fishman)

Dressing in Baltic style

Helen Womack/Riga

Previously, a designer might have tried to sell a garment privately, which is illegal.

ON MAY 1, a new law came into effect, allowing individuals to sell their handcrafts provided they register with the communist authorities and pay tax.

But for Beata's designers, the administrative headache of market-

ing is already taken care of.

The designers work fast, producing garments for sale within a week, and have the chance to earn considerably more than the average Soviet wage of \$360 a month.

They never turn out more than 10 identical outfits and most of their creations are unique.

"An artist always wants to make something new — he doesn't want to repeat himself," said Dunska.

Downstairs, in the showroom, she brought out a wide range of styles from classic wool dresses to padded

coats which seemed designed for cosmonauts. One such space-age coat, with high collar and angular metal buttons, costs \$550.

The influence seemed Scandinavian but Dunska, who subscribes to fashion magazines from all over the world, said she is most often inspired by Japanese art, Latvian folk designs based on nature and the *art nouveau* style of the house itself.

It was built in 1904 to be a fashion salon but later became a private residence.

"When I came to Riga as a girl, I saw the little house and thought how wonderful it would be to open a shop here," Dunska said.

The house is a narrow, five-storey red-brick building in a cobbled street just off Riga's main cathedral square.

Dunska and her friends renovated it themselves, putting fan-shaped, *art nouveau* stained glass windows around the name of the shop, Beata.

The fulfilment of her dream has brought delight to her fellow Riga residents, bored with the general dullness of Soviet clothes.

A queue of customers was waiting patiently on the pavement outside as Dunska allows only five buyers into the shop at a time to prevent overcrowding.

"Riga has always been fashionable compared with other Soviet cities and we could order from the house of fashion," said Ligita, a young Latvian woman in the queue.

"But this is real design which I could wear with great pleasure. It's expensive but I don't mind paying," she said. (Renter)

Taking the media to task

WHEN WAS the last time you saw a television news programme "anchored" by a woman when both a man and a woman broadcaster were presenting the news? And, when a man or a woman could have been interviewed for the same feature, how often has it been the latter? The answers to these questions reflect the clearly discriminatory nature of our media, claims Women Against Insulting Advertising (WALA).

Most serious, the organization claims, is the blatant exploitation of women's bodies in TV advertising. The erstwhile ad pushing grapefruits is an example, as is the current provocative ad for milk products with its subliminal message to males: buy a yogurt and win over the woman of your fantasies...

These are just a few examples of television's insensitivity towards women. While Israel TV executives did not produce the magic shows

where women are seen in half, Dina Klarman of WALA says, they don't have to screen them. After all, TV people are not responsible for racist and anti-Semitic programmes produced abroad, but they don't broadcast them here.

WALA has been intensifying its campaign lately against offensive

programmes and policies in the electronic media because of the impending full operation of Channel Two. Klarman says that Television's House's executives, to date, have not dealt with any of the organization's complaints seriously, and since Channel Two's governing board is composed exclusively of

men, one can expect little better. WALA hopes that by lobbying public figures and organizations, they can obtain the same strict controls against defamation of women that already exist against ethnic and religious discrimination.

WALA claims that women are often portrayed as "objects of male

designs" and are insulted in a way men — as a group — never are.

The women's organization cites examples of the media bending over backwards to be fair to men without exhibiting the same sensitivity towards women. "Sexual exploitation of children by mothers or fathers," is an example of this "fairness," even though, WALA claims, 95 per cent of sexual child abuse is by fathers.

Meanwhile, the media, WALA contends, has no compunctions, ab-

solutely referring to a woman as a "silly babbler" or a "loopy driver."

The organization also cites instances in which news anchorwoman Ya'acov Ahimeir made a "factitious" comment to women viewers before the World Cup games, saying "Pardon us for sending you back to the kitchen for the duration," and Yitzhak Shimoni's remark on the "Allegro" programme: "Here is Adam and alongside him, the all-time catastrophe, Eve." D.S.

Little help for the desperate

Ina Chang/Beijing

times a matter of survival, have

There were 500,000 divorces in China in 1985, and the number is said to have increased steadily since then. Pi estimated the current divorce rate in China at 3-5 per cent. The figure represents the number of divorces granted out of the number requested.

She said older women often refuse to consider divorce despite serious marital problems.

"It is not because of love," Pi said. "Even if the couple has been separated for two years, the woman still

might not want a divorce. She is concerned about what other people would think."

Pi recently met with a female graduate student who was involved with another woman. "Homosexuality is not a crime, but it is socially impermissible here," she said. "We believe homosexuality is caused by lack of differentiation between male and female traits during childhood."

Her view of extramarital relationships is less clear-cut. "This can't be solved just by saying it is wrong. The way to solve it is to improve the quality of marriage, and increase intimacy."

The techniques used by Pi, the other marriage counsellor and in mental

problems, two of them men, are mostly self-taught.

"There is no purely Chinese psychological theory or method," Pi said. "Those who used past methods have died. The younger ones have pieced together their own approach."

Western psychoanalysis and counselling have long been dismissed as a bourgeois indulgence, and until recently people with mental problems were either put in institutions, given drugs or ignored.

She said some of the counsellors have incorporated Sigmund Freud's ideas into their treatment, but said Chinese society has characteristics that Freudian theory cannot explain.

Westerners "are brought up to have the quality of independence — they see things according to 'me and the world,'" she said. "Chinese are different. Mutual relationships are

very clearly defined."

Many patients pour out their troubles in a manner belying the traditional reticence expected of Chinese women.

But the counsellors say patients sometimes hide problems, or blame their troubles on secondary factors. The subject of sex is especially sensitive, and the clinic is one of the few places willing to deal with sexual problems, both on a medical and psychological level, they said.

"Few doctors deal with this problem," Pi said. "They might recognize the problem, but they are unable to treat it." Few Chinese women have orgasms, she said. "But at least now there is the knowledge that both partners can have pleasure. Sex education is very necessary." (Reuters)

Today is edited by Amy Levinson.

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Western
18.30 News roundup 18.32 With the Stars — Paul Young
18.45 Inventions and Innovations 19.00 Weekly News Magazine

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23.50 News

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(Chicago/Lewine); Tchaikovsky: suite from "Sleeping Beauty"
(Philharmonia/Muti) 9.00 Ireland: Piano Trio No. 1; Beethoven:
Cello Concerto Op. 85; Mahler: "Songs of a Wayfarer" (Tipp)
S. Martin/Martinez) Schumann: Piano Trio No. 3 9.12.00
Piano Sonata No. 7 (Penttila); Spohr: Symphony No. 9 12.00
Orchestra, conductor: Tormer, Leo, piano — Mozart: Entender:
Sonatas: Marianne: Sonatas: Brahms: Sonata 12.05 Bach:
Capriccio; Villa-Lobos: "Suite Populaire Brasileira"; Haydn: Trio for
"Water Music" (English Chamber/Finnish); Haydn: Trio for
Flute and Cello; Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 14
"Moonlight" (Barenboim); Poulenc: Sonata for Flute and
Piano 15.00 Contemporary Music 16.00 Allegri: Miserere;
Tallis: Lamentations of Jeremiah; Handel: Oboe; Domini:
Haydn: Pantomime (Dunm Roll) 18.00 Music Quiz 19.00
Light classical music (Dunm Roll) 18.00 Musical Medley 20.30 Israel
Festival 1987: Tel Aviv String Quartet — Beethoven: Quartet
Nos. 6, 11 and 16 22.30 Korean Music 23.00 Handel: Suites
for Harpsichord; Mozart: String Quartets

THE VOICE OF PEACE
Regular daily programmes
3.00 6.00 Nightbeat
15.00-16.00 Knesset Programme
18.00-19.30 Twilight Time
19.30-21.00 Classical Music

RADIO 1st
6.02 Programme for Olim 7.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
8.05 Information 9.05 Information for Listeners 10.05
Morning Pearls 11.10 School Broadcasts 11.30 Folklore
12.05 Mid-East Weekly 13.00 News in English 13.30 News
in French 14.05 Children's programme 15.25 Education for
all 16.05 Entertainment — youth magazine 17.05 Everyman's
University 18.05 Jewish Traditions 19.05 Jewish Thought —
talk by Prof. Itamar Greenwald 19.20 Bible Reading 19.30
Programme for Olim 22.05 Child and Family Magazine

RADIO 2nd
6.12 Gymnastics 6.30 Editorial Review 6.55 Green Light
— driver's corner 7.00 This Morning — news magazine 8.05
Making an Issue 8.05 House Call — with Haim Kahan 10.05
All Shades of the Network — morning magazine 12.10 O.K. on
Two 13.00 Midday — news commentary, music 14.05
Culture and Arts Magazine 14.30 Humour 16.05 Magic
Moments 16.05 Songs and Homework 17.05 Economics
Magazine 18.05 Press Conference — chaired by Yitzhak Golan
18.45 Today in Sport 19.05 Today — radio news 19.35
The Jewish People 20.05 Sephardi songs 22.05 Yiddish
songs 23.05 Hebrew songs

ARMY
6.05 University on the Air 6.30 Open Your Eyes — songs,
information 7.07 "707" 8.00 Good Morning Israel 9.05 Book
Day Programme 11.05 Right Now 13.00 Book Day Programme
17.00 Evening Newsline 18.05 Book Day Programme
21.00 Mabat — TV news 21.30 Book Day Programme
23.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

EASY HEBREW FOR IMMIGRANTS
Radio 1st daily 7.30-8.00 a.m.

VOICE OF AMERICA
NEWS SHOWS
12.00 kilohertz: 5-6 and 9-9 a.m. — Daily breakfast show with
news, popular music and interviews. 5-5.30 p.m. — News
round-up. 5.30-6 p.m. — VOA Magazine Show. 6-6.15 p.m. —
News in Special English for Students of English. 11-12
midnight — VOA World Report with news, background and
analysis.

DAILY ENGLISH BROADCASTS
ISRAEL RADIO
on 576 and 1440 kilohertz (AM)
7.00-7.15 News. 13.00-13.30 News followed by:
SUNDAY — "This Land" travel magazine
MONDAY — "Mainstream" consumer and community affairs
TUESDAY — "Israel Mosaic" weekly magazine
WEDNESDAY — "With me in the studio" guest interview
THURSDAY — "Studio Three" arts magazine
FRIDAY — "Thank Goodness It's Friday" Sabbath eve programme
SATURDAY — "Spotlight" people and issues in the news
17.00-17.05 News. 20.00-20.15 News

CINEMA PERFORMANCES

JERUSALEM
Belt Agon: Python, Yellowbeard 6; Harold and Maude 7.45; Woodstock 9.30;
Psycho 12 midnight; Eaten: Fannie Briller's
Day Off 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Edison: Over the
Top 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Mabel: My Life as a
Dog 7.30, 9.30; Jerusalem Theatre: Melo
4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Children's programme 15.25 Education for
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TEL AVIV
Ben Yehuda: Field of Honor 5, 7.15, 9.30;
Bela: Mafetets: Angry Harvest 6;
Chen 1: Police Academy IV 4.30, 7.15,
9.30; Chen 2: Little Shop of Horrors 5.30,
7.15, 9.30; Chen 3: Stand By Me 5.40, 7.50,
9.30; Chen 4: Tin Men 11, 2, 5.40, 7.45,
9.30; Chen 5: Soul Man 11, 2, 5.40, 7.45,
9.30; Chen 6: Over the Top 5, 7.15, 9.30;
Chen 7: Room With A View 5, 7.15, 9.30;
Chen 8: Duet: Crocodile Dundee 7.15, 9.30;
Chen 9: Las Vegas 11, 1.30, 5, 7.30, 9.30;
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Citicorp's withdrawal

Blow to South African banking

By ROBERT RICCI
JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — The pullout of America's largest bank has dealt another blow to South Africa's business reputation, although bankers here insisted it will have a minimal effect on their industry.

South Africa's Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Jan Lombard said he was disappointed at the disinvestment plan by New York's Citicorp, but said it was "not a big deal."

Citicorp's subsidiary was the only U.S. bank still operating here. Like most of the seven remaining foreign-controlled banks, it was barely visible in South Africa. It had just two branches, with assets equivalent to about \$3 million and a staff of 184 in the corporate-banking sector.

Citicorp announced last week that it would sell the unit to First National Bank of Southern Africa, the country's largest bank, for \$260m. Its departure leaves Britain's Standard Chartered PLC as the only big name foreign bank still operating in South Africa. Even its 39 per cent stake in a local subsidiary has been steadily cut.

South African banking industry assets total about 72 billion rand (about \$144 billion at current exchange rates), with foreign banks holding an unofficially estimated 20 per cent. Standard's share is about 15 per cent, and it has indicated in recent months that it may further reduce the stake but not totally disinvest.

Banking sources said anti-apartheid sanctions imposed by the U.S. last October had sharply curtailed Citicorp's activities and contributed to its decision to pull out. Citicorp, in announcing its withdrawal, alluded to "current constraints that have made it increasingly difficult to meet the needs of our South African clients in the manner they have a right to expect."

The sanctions prohibited U.S. banks from extending new loans or credits to South African companies or multinational firms operating in South Africa.

More than 80 U.S. companies have left since mid-1986, including such giants as General Motors Corp., International Business Machines

Corp., Eastman Kodak Co. and the Coca-Cola Co. Ford Motor Co. earlier last week announced its intention to leave.

"Citicorp's assets here had run down quite substantially," commented analyst David Southey of Johannesburg's Max Pollak and Freeman Inc. investment firm.

Citicorp is leaving as South African banks battle to maintain favourable relations with foreign corporate customers, still nervous about the country's political violence.

"The whole financial services industry in South Africa is very short on management skills, so what First National really is buying is management expertise and hoping to broaden its international links," Southey said.

The banks are also struggling to lift profits after a three-year business slump, having suffered severe bad debt problems, which are only just beginning to ease. But their balance sheets are still bloated with an abundance of unwanted loan money.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Olives boost harvest in territories

A record olive harvest brought the value of farm output in the West Bank and Gaza to NIS 900 million in the 1985/86 agricultural year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported Thursday.

Some 150,000 tons of olives were harvested in the year, compared with just 20,000 in 1984/85 and 120,000 in 1979/80, the previous record. Without the increase in the olive harvest, agricultural production would have grown just 13 per cent in the year.

In Gaza, which isn't affected by the olive harvest, overall farm production was off 2 per cent, chiefly because of a 16 per cent drop in the output of citrus, which accounts for a quarter of the area's total harvest.

The territories' agricultural production was equal to 25 per cent of Israel's harvest in 1985/86, up sharply from 16 per cent in the previous year.

ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK is lowering interest rates, on overdrafts, as well as fixed- and variable-interest loans, starting today.

Preferred customers with credit lines of NIS 500-2,000 will see interest rates on their overdrafts fall about three percentage points to between 30 and 39 per cent annually, or 2.5 to 3.25 per cent a month.

Other customers, as well as businesses, will see interest on fixed loans, with a maximum term of six months, fall six points to 33-42 per cent per annum, or from 2.75 per cent per month. On variable-interest loans of up to 36 months, the rate will be prime plus 1.25 per cent, bringing it to 2.75 per cent monthly at current rates.

Discount is the third bank to announce interest rate cuts in the wake of the small 0.6 per cent rise in the May consumer price index.

RETAIL SALES in May fell between 15 and 25 per cent from the previous month, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce reported Wednesday.

Of the 19 retail sectors surveyed by Chamber economists, the one to report the sharpest decline was alcoholic beverages, which saw a 40 per cent month-on-month plunge in sales. Sales of furniture and toys were each down 30 per cent from April.

Other sectors, including home appliances, food, textiles, and leather goods each registered sales declines of around 10 per cent, the chamber said.

It predicted a further decline in

retail sales this month and a general slowing of the economy for the entire April-June quarter. The chamber attributed the lower May figures to strong sales during Pessah and the fact that many consumers bought on credit then. With their bills coming due in May and June, many shoppers are putting off current purchases.

PAZ OIL CO. is in negotiation with Cameroon to buy crude oil from the West African state, an industry source has confirmed, but talks remain at an initial phase.

The source, who requested anonymity, said negotiations had consisted of telegrams being sent between "middle managers" at Paz and Cameroon's national oil company over the last few weeks. He discounted published reports of an impending barter deal in which Israel would send electronic equipment in return for the heavy crude produced by Cameroon's wells.

THE NATIONAL CENTRE of Scientific and Technological Information will go on-line this month with the nation's first collection of data bases. Energy and Infrastructure Minister Moshe Shapal announced Wednesday.

The centre must conduct costly computer searches abroad, when queried by customers for information. Once the data bases are opened to the public, anyone with a personal computer and modem will be able to find data at a fraction of the previous cost of \$150 for a 20-minute search.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES



Electric Corp.'s Ze'ev Sternberger and Rena Dotan.

Federman to step down from top post at Elite

Elite Ltd. President DAVID FEDERMAN will be leaving his post September 1 to be replaced by MEIR SCHNEKE.

In a statement released by the board last week, Federman said he would be joining the board of M.A.N. Co. and take up a senior position there dealing with commodities trading. He told the board he would eventually return to his Elite job, which he has held for just a few months.

Furthermore, he will stay on as a co-managing director, albeit a largely inactive one, overseeing the company's investments abroad and help in long-term planning.

Schneke, who has been serving as an outside director of Elite for the past year, told the board he would give up his overseas business interests to devote his full attention to the company.

Federman, 42, moved up to the top post at Elite last year, after serving as a vice president and commodities trader, to run the company for its new British and American shareholders, who together control 50 per cent of Elite.

The Israel Electric Corp. announced two appointments this week. ZE'EV STERNBERGER, 62, was named manager of the company's northern district, which stretches from the Lebanon border to Hadera, and includes 400,000 residential and 10,000 industrial users.

Sternberger has been with the Electric Corp. for 42 years and specializes in organization, management and personnel. In his previous position, he served as management and personnel director in the engineering department.

RENA DOTAN, meanwhile, joins the Electric Corp.'s board of directors. A member of Moshav Yarko-



Electric Corp.'s Ze'ev Sternberger and Rena Dotan.

Private enterprise on the Syrian farm

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY

Private enterprise on the Syrian farm

Syria has turned to private capital to develop its flagging agriculture, as it begins to feel the pinch of the European Community's decision to cancel wheat sales and loans in response to the country's support for terrorism.

Over the past nine months, the government here has set up four semi-private ventures involving private domestic or foreign Arab capital. Shares in the four companies have been sold through banks in Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Bahrain.

The biggest of the companies is Agrocy, which has capital of 300 million Syrian pounds (about \$80 million at the official exchange rate) divided up into 600,000 shares. Two other companies, Baraka and Nama'a, both have a capital of about \$27m. while the smallest, Sanabel is worth about \$8m.

Last month, the Syrian government said it was studying plans for a fifth jointly-owned agrofirm.

The companies are empowered to set up farms for crop-growing, animal husbandry and fish breeding, to manufacture agricultural or irrigation equipment and fertilizer, and to market their products in Syria and elsewhere. They are given land by the government and are exempted from taxation for seven years after the first year in which they make a profit.

They also have a free hand to import necessary equipment without seeking permission from the government, which normally controls all imports.

Syria is counting on these firms to help it reduce its reliance on food imports at a time when, as Syrian officials concede, the country is hard hit by the EC's ban on grain sales and its decision to cancel certain loans.

Syrian president Hafez Assad told Syrian farmers at a congress in September that they were not making adequate use of modern methods. He reminded them that it was not long since the country had been a net exporter of wheat.

Only 32.5 per cent of Syria's 180,500 square kilometres of territory is arable land. To achieve self-sufficiency in food production, the government is relying on irrigation. By 1980, 71 dams — most of them on the Euphrates River — had been completed and 13 more are under construction. Another 28 dams are planned for coming years. When

completed these dams will have an annual capacity of 200 million cubic metres of water, sufficient to irrigate 9,825 square kilometres.

At present, Syria exploits less than half of its water resources, which are estimated at 22 billion cubic metres.

One of the government's key development projects is in the Yarmouk Valley on the Jordanian border. There, 1,400 hectares are being brought under the plough at a cost of about \$55. (AFP)

Building contractors in Jordan, cramped by a rapidly dwindling market at home, have set their sights on construction projects in the wider Arab market abroad.

"We should start facing the situation now," says Ali Abu Al-Ragheb, president of the newly-formed Jordan Contractors' Association. "Until 1982, we all had enough work and didn't bother much about the competition. But it became a problem as recession and unemployment began to bite."

Construction activity in Jordan dropped by 27.4 per cent last year from a peak of 5.1 million square metres of site development in 1982, according to central bank figures.

Arab countries spent some \$250 billion on construction projects in the oil boom years of 1972-83, a level which, says the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund, dropped drastically with the decline in oil revenues. The fund forecasts spending on construction projects in the Arab states of about \$35b.-43b. by the year 1990 — well below the \$46b. spent in 1984.

But experts here say this would still offer lucrative opportunity for those companies ready to take up the challenge.

Jordan has more than 400 firms operating in a crowded and depressed construction sector, employing about 50,000 people — some 17 per cent of the country's work-force. Most of them are one-man firms which mushroomed during the boom years, and Al-Ragheb says their best chance now is to broaden their base in amalgamation.

"The best way would be through mergers, creating institutionalized companies, financially and technically strong, that can also compete abroad. Especially in the Arab world."

He says the government is considering incentives to encourage such a trend. (Reuters).

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES June 19, 1987

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
CURRENCY BASKET		1.5781
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.5020
GERMANY	MARK	0.5739
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.5145
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2631
JAPAN	YEN	1.1083
HOLLAND	FLORIN	0.7801
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1.0587
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2522
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2392
DENMARK	KRONE	0.2338
FINLAND	MARK	0.3621
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.1953



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 So sure to find out (9)
 - 9 Nearly fixed the coat (6)
 - 10 Two boys from the last century (8)
 - 11 Make a ministerial appointment (6)
 - 12 Joint fruitless when I interrupt everybody in the vehicle (3,2,4)
 - 13 Mother takes a long time to do some harm (6)
 - 17 Final objective (3)
 - 19 Do a somersault when in love (2,4,4,5)
 - 20 Additional points (not south) (3)
 - 21 Hold admiral (6)

- DOWN
- 25 Although impetuous I am the one undergoing treatment! (9)
 - 26 Joins hands for a couple of moments! (6)
 - 27 Cowardly accepting the Italian as innocent (9)
 - 28 Approached a revolutionary leader in distress (6)
 - 29 Consider large receptacle that provides advice and ideas (5-4)
 - 2 New Delhi's protection (6)
 - 3 Necessarily involve some recent ailments (8)
 - 4 Right with four in the flourish (6)

- 5 It is short is a drink (7,8)
- 6 Lovesickness makes a chap a right pain (9)
- 7 Plan to put precious stone under layers of rock (9)
- 8 Vegetarian's festive occasion? (9)
- 14 One has double gin so shaken and is suffering (9)
- 15 Pass the time pleasantly when on holiday (5,4)
- 16 Indicator of the pressure we are under (3)
- 17 One other time (3)
- 18 Moisture's payable, we hear (3)
- 22 Take one's place on the parade ground and get soaked? (4,2)
- 23 French son can't allowed steak (6)
- 24 International body is performing a complete agreement (2)

Friday's Solutions

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VIRUS BESTOWING
A M S L I U R U
CHEMISE CONCEAL
U N I N C S A
UNITED DISPENSER
M E A R I
CHATTERED GRAIN
L G R I P C
EPITAPH SHAMPOO
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BASEBALL

One swing breaks streak and Sox

NEW YORK (AP). — It had been nine years since Joe Sambito had given up a home run to a left-hander. But streaks, like records, are made to be broken.

Mike Pagliarulo led off the 13th inning with a homer off Sambito to spark a five-run inning, powering the New York Yankees to their fifth straight victory on Friday 10-5 over the Boston Red Sox.

"I was just trying to lay the bat on it (ball) and put it somewhere out there," Pagliarulo said after he hit his ninth homer of the year. "I certainly wasn't going for a homer run. I'll tell you that."

Sambito, who had not allowed a homer by a left-handed hitter since he was with Houston in 1978, allowed only one hit and struck out three over three innings in his longest appearance since he suffered an arm injury in 1982.

"I knew he didn't want to walk the leadoff guy, me, so when he threw me the first ball, I just knew he had to come to me," Pagliarulo said.

Mariners 7, Indians 4
Roy Clouser drove in three runs with a homer and a bases-loaded single and Mark Langston pitched a seven-inning, perfect game over Cleveland. The victory was a season-high fifth in a row for the Mariners, who had lost five straight to Cleveland at Stadium. Langston struck out seven and walked two for his seventh complete game.

Blue Jays 15, Brewers 6
Lloyd Moseby hit a two-run triple and Tony Fernandez hit a two-run single to highlight a nine-run seventh inning, lifting Toronto over Milwaukee.

Toronto broke a 6-6 tie in the seventh off reliever Mark Clever, who started the inning. Clear walked Fernandez and Moseby and two outs later, when Cecil Felder and Kelly Gruber to hit 7-4. Chris Bodo and Paul Mirabella then allowed consecutive run-scoring walks before Manny Lee hit a run-scoring single before Fernandez's single and Moseby's triple. Jesse Barfield hit an RBI double to complete the scoring.

Twins 7, White Sox 6
Tim Lincecum hit a home run off the first pitch in the ninth inning, sending Chicago to its fifth straight loss and 16th in its last 19 games. Minnesota took a 6-5 lead on Randy Bush's pinch, two-run single in the sixth, but Chicago tied the game on Ozzie Guillen's sacrifice fly.



VAIN DIVE. — Kansas City's rightfielder dives head first for a blooming hit by California's Mark Ryal, but the ball eludes him.

Tigers 5, Orioles 3
Alan Trammell, who earlier had one of three Detroit homers, hit a run-scoring grounder in the eighth inning, handling the Orioles' fifth consecutive defeat. It was the Tigers' sixth victory in their last seven games and the Orioles' 19th loss in their last 21.

Royals 2, Angels 0
Dwight Gooden pitched a four-inning, perfect game over Kansas City for his third straight victory.

Jackson snuffed a personal three-game losing streak, walking four and striking out three for his third complete game, and locker in hopes of changing his luck, won his first game since May 26 at Chicago.

Rangers 4, Athletics 2
Charles Hough pitched six hitless innings and settled for a two-hitter over 7½ innings, leading Texas over Oakland.

Dale Mahle pitched hitless relief over the final 1½ innings for his sixth save. Hough surrendered a leadoff double to Reggie Jackson in the seventh to end his no-hitter. Jackson later scored on Tony Phillips' groundout.

After three straight losses, Pittsburgh right-hander Brian Fisher was due for a change.

"After Fisher was beaten by the

Mets last Sunday, I took him aside and helped him work on a change for 15 minutes on three successive days," coach Ray Miller said.

Fisher pitched a six-inning, perfect game losing streak. In his five previous appearances, Fisher was 1-3 with a 7.33 earned run average.

Mets 8, Phillies 1
John Mitchell pitched a five-hitter for his first major-league victory and New York hit four home runs. Mitchell struck out three and walked three in his eighth major-league start and blanketed the Philadelphia Phillies until Glenn Wilson's RBI single in the sixth.

Howard Johnson, Kevin McReynolds, Mookie Wilson and Rafael Santana hit home runs as the Mets sent Philadelphia to their fourth straight loss.

Braves 16, Reds 5
Ozzie Virgil drove in four runs and Gerald Perry, Ken Oberkirk and Andrew Thomas each had three RBIs as Atlanta beat Cincinnati. Perry had a run-scoring triple to ignite a four-run first inning, an RBI single in the fourth

and a run-scoring double in the sixth when the Braves sent 11 batters to the plate and scored six runs to turn a 7-5 game into a rout.

Astros 3, Dodgers 2
Kevin Bass' 11th-inning sacrifice fly lifted Houston past Los Angeles, even though losing pitcher Orel Hershiser tied the National League high for the season with a career-best 14 strikeouts.

Bill Doran, who tied the score 2-2 with an inside-the-park homer in the sixth inning, opened the 11th with a single, his third hit of the game, and went to third on a single by Craig Reynolds, the seventh hit off Hershiser, 7-7.

Expos 8, Cardinals 7
Cary Condo and Tim Lincecum hit RBI singles with two out in the 11th inning, and Montreal beat St. Louis.

Andres Galarraga started the inning with the game's only extra-base hit that hit the right-field foul line. After Condo singled to break a 6-6 tie, Mitch Webster walked to lead the home and pinch-hitter Vince Law scored on Rainier's single over the third-base bag.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	40	24	.625	—
Chicago	35	30	.541	5 1/2
Montreal	35	30	.541	5 1/2
New York	34	31	.523	6 1/2
Philadelphia	29	36	.443	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	29	35	.453	11

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	37	30	.552	—
Houston	35	31	.530	1 1/2
San Francisco	35	31	.530	1 1/2
Atlanta	33	33	.500	3 1/2
Los Angeles	30	36	.455	6 1/2
San Diego	21	47	.309	16 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	42	25	.622	—
New York	42	25	.622	—
Detroit	35	32	.519	5 1/2
Baltimore	35	32	.519	5 1/2
Boston	28	39	.419	12 1/2
Baltimore	28	39	.419	12 1/2
Cleveland	24	41	.369	17

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	34	30	.531	—
Kansas City	34	30	.531	—
Oakland	34	30	.531	—
Seattle	34	30	.531	—
Texas	28	34	.452	4 1/2
California	30	37	.448	6 1/2
Chicago	23	40	.365	13 1/2

Thursday's National League results: Chicago 9, Philadelphia 7; New York 18, Montreal 7; Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 4; St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 6 (10 innings); Los Angeles 6, Houston 4 (11 innings); San Diego 3, San Francisco 3.

Thursday's American League scores: New York 6, Baltimore 3; Cleveland 7, Boston 5; Milwaukee 6, Toronto 3; Kansas City 10, California 4.

RUGBY

Kiwi power breaks French flair

AUCKLAND (AP). — New Zealand produced a rousing second half performance to defeat France 29-9 on Saturday in the final of the inaugural 16-nation World Cup Rugby Union Tournament.

France, the Five Nations champions, held New Zealand to a 9-0 half-time lead, but caved in under relentless pressure after the interval.

New Zealand outscored France by three tries to one and restricted the opportunities for the French backline.

Flanker Michael Jones, captain David Kirk and winger John Kirwan all scored tries for the All Blacks.

Fly-half Grant Fox kicked four penalties, a drop goal and a conversion for a personal tally of 17 points.

France's points came from a late try by scrum-half Pierre Berbizier and a penalty and conversion by wing Didier Camberabero.

New Zealand was cheered to victory on by a sellout home crowd of 46,000.

New Zealand played with great discipline throughout, while they succeeded in denying France any chance to utilize the flair for which they are famous.

French captain Daniel Dubroca said that New Zealand proved to be too strong.

"They made it very difficult for us



BREAK. — All Black captain David Kirk gets away from France's Franck Mesnel to score a try.

to play our game," Dubroca said. "It was not until the last 15 minutes that we felt that we had the game won," he said.

CRICKET

Athey knocks axe aside

LONDON (AFP). — England scored 368 in their first innings in the second Test against Pakistan at Lords, in a game that is almost certain to end in a draw because of rain. The entire second day was washed out, and play yesterday, before a capacity crowd, was delayed for hours because of the sodden field.

The highlight of the English innings was a fine 123 by Bill Athey. Athey threatened with the axe by the selectors before the game began, gave them an overwhelming answer

by scoring the first Test century of his career. He shared in a second inning stand of 89 with Chris Broad (89) and of 102 with Mike Gatting (43). He reached his century in 167 balls with 11 boundaries, and was never troubled by any of the bowlers, irrespective of whether he faced pace or spin.

A nasty incident occurred when Tim Robinson was given out, caught behind the wicket by Saleem Yousuf, who appealed halfheartedly for a catch when Robinson

attempted a glance. No other fielder appealed, although several were close to the bat. Robinson stood at his crease, looking incredulously at the umpire's lifted finger.

There is little prospect of England being able to force Pakistan to follow on. Although one day was completely lost, the game counts as a five day match, because there was play on the opening day — as a result, the follow-on rule requires a lead of at least 200 runs and not 150. Thus England must dismiss Pakistan for 167.

GOLF

Old masters battle for U.S. Open lead

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus once again are battling for the lead in a major golf championship.

They have plenty of company, and at least 36 holes of play remain, but they're the undisputed headlines going into the third round of the 87th U.S. Open on the Olympic Club's Lake Course.

"I'm excited. The jitters start flowing when you play a golf course like this and in the U.S. Open," Watson said after a 5-under-par 65 on Friday moved him past 33 players and into a tie for first place.

His 36-hole total of 137 was matched by Mark Wiebe, a 29-year-old pro with only three years of tour experience. Fifteen players were within three strokes of the co-leaders.

Wiebe posted a 66 with the help of an eagle at the 12th hole, where he made a wedge shot from 114 yards.

Nicklaus, with a 68, was a stroke off the tournament lead and tied



OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE. — Tom Watson exults as he sinks a putt to take the lead in the U.S. Open.

with John Cook, Jim Thorpe, Japan's Tommy Nakajima and for-

mer Masters champ Bernhard Langer of West Germany.

"I expect to win," Nicklaus said. "I have to believe I can win. If I don't believe that, then I have no business being out here."

He has not won since last year's Masters. Watson was among his closest partners into the final round of that event.

Watson has gone almost three years without a tournament victory. He claimed his last major title in 1982 at Pebble Beach, 189 miles (160 miles) south of San Francisco, by leading Nicklaus in a dramatic finish.

"In the majors, the big names tend to creep up onto the leader board. It's nice to be up there with them," Cook said.

One big name dropped off the board on Friday.

Spain's Seve Ballesteros went without a birdie in a round of 75, after a 68 on Thursday, the 143. Among well-known players failing to survive the cut for the last two rounds were Paul Azinger and Payne Stewart, the No. 1 and 2 money winners in this year's PGA tour, and seven former Open champions including Lee Trevino, Fuzzy Zoeller and Johnny Miller.

Ben Crenshaw, the first-round leader with a 67, was at 139 after a 72. Also at 139 were Bob Eastwood, Scott Simpson and Masters champion Larry Mize. A group of 140 included Craig Stadler and Mac O'Grady.

Defending Open champion Ray Floyd, British Open champ Greg Norman and PGA champion Bob Tway were at 141.

GOLF

16-year-old win Sparrow tourney

CAESAREA. — The annual Sam Sparrow golf tournament was played on Friday. The A Division (10 - 14 handicaps) was won by Yuval Amar (14 handicap) with 65 net and Avi Avnaim (8), the current junior champion, with a 67 net.

The performance of these two sixteen-year-olds from Or Akiva, both products of the golf school, should certainly bring a great deal of satisfaction to Sam Sparrow, who, since he heard of the inception of the only golf course in Israel, has been instrumental in donating equipment and obtaining support for golf in Israel.

For Sparrow, now in his eighties, the fact that the winners of the tournament in his honor, are the sons of golfers who started out as caddies, when the club first opened in Caesarea, should be particularly heart-warming. He himself started his golfing career as a caddy in Boston, when he was a newly arrived immigrant from Poland. He became a golf professional in the Catskill Mountains, and then moved to New York, where he ran a golf shop and school in Times Square.

It was in this shop that he first heard of the golf course in Israel from an El Al pilot, who came in to buy golfing equipment. From then onwards, he has given stalwart support to the club, and has taken unflinching interest in promoting golf in Israel.

The B Division competition was won by Arnold Levy of Netanya (17) and Albert Elias of Herzliya (18), who both shot a 70 net.

The 36-hole gross tournament, played over two days, was won by an 18-year-old soldier, Rachamim Assayag, a former junior champion, who had a score of 145 (73 and 72). The runner-up was Avi Cohen with 147 (74 and 73). Both of them came from Or Akiva.

Kamron Darcy of Ireland won the 150,000-pound (\$24,000) British Open golf tournament by one stroke after the final round was cancelled yesterday because of rain.

Rain marred the European PGA event throughout the week. Water-logged greens at the Waterloo Golf Club caused organizers to reduce the tournament to three rounds. Saturday giving Darcy a final score of 280, 13 under par.

TENNIS

Martina edges Pam in Wimbledon run-up

EASTBOURNE (AP). — Defending champion Martina Navratilova rallied from 0-2 down in the final set to beat her doubles partner, Pam Shriver, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 Saturday thereby reaching the final of the Pilkington Glass Women's Grasscourt Tennis Championships here. She plays Helena Sukova in the final.

Shriver was furious with herself for squandering four chances for a 3-0 lead in the final stanza. The match was held over from Friday because of rain with Navratilova leading 4-3 with a break of serve.

The defending champion wrapped up the first set in nine minutes. But at the end of the second set dominated by the serve, she dropped hers in the last game. Shriver won four consecutive games to lead 2-0 in the deciding set before her game fell apart.

From 4-0 she surrendered her serve, at one stage missing a crosscourt backhand volley with almost the entire court to aim at. She squandered another game point by volleying some six feet over the baseline. Navratilova hit back to break serve and win five consecutive games.

Helena Sukova marched into the final by upsetting American Chris Evert in a see-sawing semifinal, halted briefly by a brain bleed rearing outside the Devonshire Park complex just as Sukova was serving at 4-5 in the final set, having recovered from 2-5.

Amid laughter from the spectators, umpire Janet Jones said: "I know I have got no control over the band, but will the audience please keep quiet."

Sukova maintained her composure, held serve for 5-5 and eventually took the final set to complete a 4-6, 4-6, 8-6 victory.

Evert acknowledged the incident affected both players.

"Obviously it put me off a little but it was the same for her. Everybody was laughing, and it related me too much. I need to be intense."

But Evert did not want to use the incident as an excuse for losing.

"I had a lot of chances and really should have clinched the match," she said.

Navratilova will begin her quest for an eighth Wimbledon title on Monday resigned to the fact she may never gain the affection of the fans in the same way as popular champions Evonne Goolagong and Maria Bueno did.

But, with a personal fortune estimated at \$50m., homes in Fort Worth, Texas and Aspen, Colorado, and winner of 15 Grand Slam championships, Navratilova will not be unduly concerned by her image.

At 30, she is already beginning to make plans for a life after tennis. At the French Open earlier this month,



USING HER HEAD. — Martina Navratilova goes head over heels but nevertheless emerges on top in a third round match against Robin White at Eastbourne.

when she was beaten by West Germany's Steffi Graf in the final, she talked freely of the future.

"I'd like to go out in a blaze of glory like Greta Garbo, leave tennis for good and visit all places I've never seen... The Great Barrier Reef, Nepal, the Taj Mahal, see penguins."

Before setting off for Antarctica, Navratilova would like to secure her place as the greatest Wimbledon champion of all time, a distinction held by American Helen Wills Moody, who won eight women's singles titles between 1927 and 1938.

Navratilova, who meets West

Mansdorf, Bloom do well in doubles

By JACK LEON
Amos Mansdorf and Gilad Bloom have reached the men's qualifying round of the Wimbledon doubles event, after two successes in the rain-plagued preliminary competition.

In the opening round, the Israelis came through 6-3, 6-4 against West German Peter Morang and South Africa's Denys Mansdorf, then in the second they scored a 6-3, 6-4 success against the British pair of David Lloyd and Nick Brown. Mansdorf and Bloom — both decent entries in singles in the main Wimbledon championships starting tomorrow — need one more win to qualify for the doubles event.

Solomon Glickstein and his scratch partner, Marc Flur of the U.S., were beaten in second-round doubles play in the Wimbledon qualifier. After starting with a victory over an American pair, Glickstein and Flur went out 4-6, 4-6, 7-5 to Australian Emerson and Wade.

East Berger was two places below the cut-off for acceptance into the Wimbledon women's singles qualifying tournament. In doubles, Berger and Holland's Tish Winkler were beaten 6-4, 6-3 by a French pair in the first round.

Perkis's doctor bars Davis Cup play

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. — Haifaite Shahar Perkis has finally decided against being available to play for Israel in the upcoming World Group Davis Cup quarter-final against India, after heart specialist Dr. Herbert Roter advised him on Friday against turning out for the July 24 to 26 grass-court tie in New Delhi.

After last month turning down the ITA's invitation to join the Davis Cup team, Perkis changed his mind a few days ago, and said he would be willing to play after all, because he had obtained a deferment in his examinations for entry into a university.

SOFTBALL

Early leads

Post Sports Staff
Coaches dream of getting a big lead, and getting it early. Yesterday was a coach's dream for the head men at Maccabi Tel Aviv and Crazy Richards, as both powered their way to easy wins at Tel Aviv's Sportek in Israel Softball League semifinal action.

Maccabi downed the 36ers 17-7, while Crazy Richards knocked out ASA-Jerusalem Post 12-5, setting up a championship series rematch between last season's title finalists.

Defending champions Maccabi scored 13 times in the first inning yesterday, breaking open the game on two home runs by pitcher Tish Shomvov to put the Stars too far behind to catch up. Elad Weiss and Michael Melamed added round-trippers of their own in the one-sided contest.

In the other semifinal, Crazy Richards scored five in the first and added five more in the third off two Jerusalem pitchers, and then belted for an easy win. Ben Bernick spotted Crazy Richards with a two-run, first-inning triple and Wayne Fry followed him two batters later with a three-run homer to left. Pitcher Ari Kamberlitz, who shut out Jerusalem over the first four frames and struck out seven, added a three-run home run in the third, driving the final nail into Jerusalem's coffin and killing the team's hopes making the finals in their first season of play.

Maccabi Tel Aviv and Crazy Richards meet next Saturday for the first two games of the championship series at the Sportek field. The third and deciding game if necessary, will be played the following week.

EQUESTRIANISM

Dressage takes off thanks to portable arenas

By JACK LEON
Buoyed by Israel's acceptance for the 1988 Haig International Dressage Competition, the fledgling Israel Dressage Club will next season hold some dozen meets across the country, starting in September.

The meets will take place in a portable, Olympic-sized arena constructed of water pipes. The 60 x 20-metre arena was first used last weekend at Tel Aviv's Yarkon Park, where the Dressage Club held its first major contest.

The Haig meet is held annually under the auspices of the Federation Equestre Internationale specifically for member-countries where dressage is a developing sport, and all entries participate on a "proxy" basis. Every meet is attended by a federation judge and the results from each of them are then scruti-

nized at the organization's Bern headquarters before the overall winners are declared.

Israel has been put in the competition's Mediterranean section. Dressage Club chairman Jane Suwalsky said.

In association with the Israel Horse Society, American-born Suwalsky several months ago set up the club, which so far has nearly 50 members out of the country's 500 competitive riders.

The Olympic sport of equestrianism consists of show jumping, cross-country and dressage, a discipline which stems from the use of horses for military purposes. In more than 10 years of existence, the Israel Horse Society has stressed jumping competitions, with less attention given to dressage and cross-country. Devotees of dressage describe it as

the "intellectual form of equestrianism" or "ballet on horseback" (exercises are sometimes carried out to music). The purpose of dressage is to test both the horse's athletic ability and its total obedience to the rider's instructions, which are rarely perceptible to the uninitiated, given through hand and leg pressure.

Riders, who learn their complicated tests by heart, are allowed three mistakes before being disqualified. Judges look for accuracy in the exercises and the horse's relaxed response to its rider, giving the impression of the animal doing of his own accord what is required of him.

The tests look simple to the layman, but the apparent ease of execution and uncanny rapport between horse and rider are usually the result of years of dedicated and meticulous training together.

ENGLISH SOCCER

LIVERPOOL (Reuters). — Howard Kendall said yesterday his decision to quit as manager of English soccer league champions Everton and take over struggling Spanish club Athletic Bilbao was influenced by England's

continued exile from Europe.

Everton, who also won the championship in 1984-85, have been denied entry to the European Cup both times because of a European Football Union (UEFA) ban on English clubs.

"For us not to be involved again, having had a taste of Europe, was a body blow," said Kendall, who led the club to victory in the 1985 European Cup Winners' Cup.

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The pope and Waldheim

EVER since his election, Austrian President Kurt Waldheim has been striving frantically to obtain acceptance beyond the borders of his own country. Largely in vain.

Revealed as a liar about his past and a willing servant of the Nazi war crime apparatus during World War II, Waldheim has been cold-shouldered in Europe, except for Germany, declared unwelcome in the U.S., and shunned even by foreign dignitaries who visit Austria.

His record has, on the other hand, endeared him to some Arab leaders. Gaddafi has invited him to Libya, and Jordan's King Hussein followed suit after travelling to Vienna, with full royal pomp, though for an unofficial visit. But those gestures only underlined Waldheim's isolation in the western world.

Now, of all people, Pope John Paul II has come to Waldheim's rescue by inviting the embattled Austrian president to be his guest at the Vatican.

The invitation was made public just after the pope returned from his native Poland, where he gave heart to the Solidarity movement and opponents of tyranny everywhere, and where, at the site of the Majdanek death camp, he knelt in prayer for the 1.5 million people, most of them Jews, who perished there.

The juxtaposition in timing is grotesque indeed. One week a prayer for the victims of the Holocaust, the next an insult to their memory.

However minor a player in the horrendous roster of Nazi war criminals, Waldheim, by his falsehoods and dissembling, has come to symbolize all those operatives with much to hide, who, without repentance, shed their swastikas for business suits and tunneled into respectability after the war. By becoming president of his country he and his electors turned the skeleton in his closet into a national symbol.

That the pope should choose to ignore all this is historically and morally shocking. No concern for the large Catholic community in Austria can justify it. On the contrary, such concern should be directed at exorcising the latent and not so latent anti-Semitism which continues to infect sectors of the Austrian people.

Certainly the visit sends a deeply discordant signal from the Vatican to Israel and the Jewish people, and at a time when many in the Church and in organized Jewry are intent on bridging the differences and prejudices accumulated over centuries of oppression.

In spiritual terms there could be only one justification for this visit: that Waldheim come to the pope not as the president of his country, but as a repentant sinner, seeking penitence for his crimes, his lies, and his indifference to the obnoxious old values his election has aroused amongst his people.

Unfortunately, there is nothing in Waldheim's record to suggest such an awakening. Rather he will be seeking the international legitimacy that still eludes him.

In appearing to grant it, the pope will be participating in a historical injustice.

TERRORIST

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its orders directly from the PFLP commander in Syria. The fact that cell members acted each time orders were given underlines their high degree of discipline.

In three cases, Mitzna said, the group also received detailed instructions on whom to assassinate - implying that al-Masri and Laluch were targets selected by the PFLP's top command.

Mitzna did not specify how many suspects had been arrested. But he noted that the 7.65 mm and .22 inch pistols used in that attacks had still not been located - indicating that other members of the cell may still be at large.

Mitzna said the cell members arrested so far come from the villages of Anabta and Beit Furik near Nablus.

He gave a thumbnail sketch of one of the cell members, a man who was drafted into the PFLP in 1980 and then underwent training in Da'ra near Damascus.

After returning to the West Bank, he became involved in several security-related incidents and received a three-year prison sentence in 1982.

The suspect was detained and interrogated following one of the assassination attempts, Mitzna said, but released for lack of evidence.

Mitzna described him as an intelligent man, and "dedicated." He did not say if any of the cell members had confessed yet to their alleged crimes.

Mitzna praised the Shin Bet for taking the lead in uncovering the cell, saying that "this shows the Shin Bet continues to work and to operate and to contribute its part to security in the field."

Mitzna said the cell carried out its first murder on July 3, 1985, when a single assassin killed Buchris, an Israeli who operated a kiosk next to the military administration building in Nablus, as he was walking to the Nablus market to buy pita.

On August 24, 1985, an attacker seriously injured Ori Oved as he was shopping in Nablus. On January 11, 1986, a single assassin killed Border Policeman Jamil Faras and injured a second border policeman, as the two men were shopping in downtown Nablus.

On March 2, 1986, an assassin gunned down al-Masri alongside the Nablus municipal building with a 7.65 mm revolver, and escaped with an accomplice in a car.

On June 5, 1986, an Israeli, Haim Tan-Ami, was injured slightly by an attacker firing a 7.65 mm revolver as he was shopping in central Nablus.

The most recent incident, the apparent attempt on the life of mayor Lahluh of Jenin, also involved a single assassin using a 7.65 mm revolver who escaped with another person in a car.

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TWO VIEWS OF ELECTORAL REFORM

Changing the rules will not remove the problem

Shlomo Avineri

THE MOST prevalent political myth in Israel is the myth of electoral reform. It maintains that almost all the problems of Israeli politics can be attributed to our method of proportional representation: remove or reform it, replace it with some sort of constituency system - and all the problems of Israeli political life will disappear. Instead of a weak and divided government, prone to coalition pressures and religious blackmail, a strong, coherent and more representative form of government will emerge.

Like all myths, this one has roots in reality. The Israeli political system does have serious flaws, but not in its electoral system. The flaws deeply inherent in the make-up of the electorate, and playing around with the rules will not do away with the problem.

The most popular assumption associated with the electoral reform myth contends that if something like the British one-member per constituency system is introduced, the power of the small parties - and mainly of the religious parties - will disappear. This is a serious misreading of the political map.

Among the Jewish electorate in Israel, there has been a consistent and coherent minority of religious voters, ever since the first parliamentary elections of 1949: they make up 12-15 per cent of the overall electorate. Whether there is one unified religious party (as in the Fifties), or the religious camp is split into a number of parties, around 15 per cent of the electorate ends up voting for religious parties.

IF ELECTORAL reform was implemented in its most radical form - with the country divided into 120 districts, each electing one member to the Knesset - what would happen?

The religious parties would probably disappear. With the exception of Bnei Brak and the ultra-Orthodox quarters of Jerusalem, no religious candidate would stand a chance of being elected in any other district. What will the picture be in a typical district?

The religious parties may disappear, but not the religious vote. If you look at the political map of Israel, you will see that most districts (unless you gerrymander them shamelessly) follow more or less the same pattern - 35-40 per cent of the voters tend to be Labour supporters, and 35 per cent Likud-Tehiya supporters.

In each district two candidates, one Labour, the other Likud will stand. Neither will be able to win the constituency seat with only his own party's support. Each will need the support of the 15 per cent of religious voters. The religious vote will be the swing vote, with the 15 per cent deciding whether the Labour or the Likud candidate will be elected.

One can imagine how such a campaign will be run. In practically every district, both Labour and Likud candidates will be out to woo the religious voter. One will promise to build another synagogue, the other will promise two, one for Sephardim and one for Ashkena-

zim. One candidate will promise a mikve, the other a religious school. Both candidates will promise to support religious legislation.

In short: the clout that the religious parties currently wield on the national level, will be wielded by the religious voter on the constituency level. It may be even argued that this religious clout will be much more powerful.

Look at municipal elections which are in a way similar to constituency elections: whoever the mayor is in most towns and cities - whether Labour or Likud - the deputy mayor is invariably religious.

Raising the threshold of entry into the Knesset under the present system to four or five per cent will not change this picture either: it will only push all religious parties to unite (at least for electoral lists).

Raising the threshold may, incidentally, also do away with Rakah which, at present, is an effective democratic means for many Israeli Arabs to voice their unhappiness with having to live in a country with a Jewish majority. By acting as a democratic conduit of Arab protest, Rakah has - dialectically - helped to integrate many Israeli Arabs into the country's political structure. Depriving them of this conduit could push many of them to much more dangerous, and non-democratic means of protest.

RETURNING to the main point about the religious parties, our problem is structural. If

any country is neatly divided between two major parties or blocs, with 35 per cent of the electorate voting for a third, the religious bloc - there is no way of making this vote disappear. Its clout will be felt whatever the electoral system.

And as a non-religious person, let me add that this is as it should be. Democracy is not only about majority rule: it is also about minority rights. The religious Jewish bloc is a minority in this country. (It may not like to be referred to in these terms, but it is an accurate description of its political position.)

Some of its methods are occasionally obnoxious, but basically the religious minority is doing what every minority aims to do - trying to maximize its power in order to reverse and gain through coalition-making what its numerical inferiority cannot give it. It behaves democratically and liberally - especially those who stand up for the rights of non-Jewish minorities in Israel - not to deal cavalierly with the Jewish religious minority in this country.

The attempt to deprive the religious minority in this country of its political weapon is doubly misguided. On democratic grounds, it is dubious and on practical grounds, it will not work. The way to achieve a viable and stable majority is through coalition-building - creating a viable, durable and broadly-based alliance with a minimum programme accepted to all its wings. Fiddling with the rules of the game will not work.

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Highly democratic—but it cannot govern

David Krivine

MARGARET THATCHER won 43 per cent of the vote in Britain's parliamentary elections, yet holds a majority of 100 seats over all the other parties combined. Her opponents secured 57 per cent of the national ballot - and are a minority in the House of Commons.

A gross distortion of democratic principles, say advocates of proportional representation. Well, what do we have in Israel, home of a more progressive system? Shimon Peres gave the answer in a radio interview last Friday. Deadlock, he said. The cabinet is split 50-50 between Labour and Likud. If Labour makes a proposal, Likud blocks it. If Likud makes a proposal, Labour blocks it.

We therefore have a highly democratic government representing every shade of opinion in the country. But it cannot govern.

Rigidities are built in. Peres calls for a dissolution of the Knesset and new elections, because he thinks that the will of the people is for peace negotiations via an international party. His mistake is to assume that he can translate a national majority in to a parliamentary majority.

What would happen is that a number of small parties which are not hawkish would sell their support to the hawks in exchange for concessions to their special interests (ranging from religious coercion to seats in the Knesset).

The Labour Party may invite all

the tumult of a general election, with economic recovery thrown to the winds - only to find itself faced with the same parliamentary impasse over peace negotiations as before.

THE PURPOSE of the personal election system is to weaken special interests and strengthen the general interest. In a letter to *The Jerusalem Post* last Sunday Zelda Harris, speaking for the Committee of Concerned Citizens, misrepresents the object of electoral reform. She says that "at present the only way concerned groups can make themselves heard is through demonstrations and strikes," whose "effectiveness is decreasing." Under electoral reform, candidates are "directly responsible to the needs of individual citizens and groups."

This gives the impression that school teachers and health workers can stymie the government's budget-cutting process more effectively under the system of personal elections. If that were true, I would not support the change.

I agree that each Knesset member would uphold the interest of his constituency. But there are 120 constituencies, each with only one voice in the Knesset. If a new airport were to be built and the member for

Tiberias wanted it in Tiberias, 119 other MKs would want it somewhere else. The danger is not individual parliamentarians, it is power blocks, and that is what must be eliminated.

The power blocs are the political parties. The problem in Israel today is that power resides with them, not with cabinet or Knesset. They have total authority over the country's elected representatives.

The parliamentary committee on the Pollard affair produced a report which whitewashed Israel's political leadership. The chairman of the committee was bold enough to add that the prime minister, as the first among equals, carried special responsibility. It needed a personality of Abba Eban's stature to make that timid observation - for which he was denounced in party councils.

He had to tell radio listeners about the scholarly and literary assignments that he could undertake if he were thrown out of the party leadership - all because he had tried to introduce a modicum of honesty into the report of a parliamentary commission.

The conclusion drawn by all, including Foreign Minister Peres and Defence Minister Rabin: a parliamentary commission in Israel is

incapable of investigating a political mishap because it is not objective, its loyalty is not to the electors, it does not speak for the nation at large. It is a bunch of party hacks taking their cue from faction headquarters. Is that the kind of Knesset Israel needs?

UNDER THE new system, each parliamentarian would have two bosses instead of one: the political party to which he belongs as at present, but also the constituency which voted him into office.

A constituency which elects a Labour candidate chooses not only the Labour Party, but the particular individual representing Labour. This changes the configuration of the political parties, increasing the authority of the parliamentary delegates at the expense of the backroom boys.

In addition, parliamentarians could be chosen from outside the parties. Suppose that Labour, Likud, the NRP and Shas all present candidates for our Tiberias constituency, and the constituency opts for none of them, selecting instead novelist Amos Oz, or industrialist Eli Hurwitz, or ex-diplomat Hanan Bar-On.

The freedom of the electors to choose whomever they want will make it clear for the first time that the parties are supposed to serve the people and not the other way around. Each MK would be much more his own man.

Gad Ya'acobi long ago tabled an electoral reform bill that has got nowhere. A majority of MKs support it as individuals, but as party members they are obliged to vote against: "Need anything more be said?"

Ya'acobi has watered his bill down to win support. He allows one third of the legislature to be elected on the party system as today. He creates regions instead of constituencies, each represented by five members, so that the public is still confined to voting for party lists, not for individuals of their choice.

This compromise measure endangers nobody and changes nothing. Needed is a constituency system without modification. Labour commands approximately 40 per cent of the national vote. If the country were divided into equal-sized constituencies, a new poll - with the peace talks at stake - could yield them a majority of Knesset seats without difficulty. Elections under that kind of electoral system would be worth fighting. Will anyone take up the challenge?

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

SUB COMMITTEE LEAKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - My attention has been drawn to Asher Wallfish's article of May 26, "Eban probe feared set for anti-climax," in which I am accused of being one of those who leaked information about the work of the Eban subcommittee on the Pollard affair. It certainly takes a great deal of hutzpa and vulgarity to make such an accusation against me.

I did not leak a single detail of the subcommittee's work, either to *The Jerusalem Post* or to any other newspaper, either before the publication of the report or afterwards. Maybe that is why Mr. Wallfish and a number of his colleagues launched a coordinated attack against me in this respect. I was greatly encouraged by the string of condemnations I received on supposed leaks from all the papers, starting with *Davar* and *Hadashot* and including *The Jerusalem Post*, since anybody who knows the ethical standards of Mr.

Wallfish and some of his colleagues will also know that, if I had really leaked information, they would have praised me to high heaven.

Since I refused to leak information about the subcommittee to him, he attacks me brutally without any feeling for journalistic decency.

This letter is not meant to start a discussion with Mr. Wallfish about the ethical norms of his reporting, but to explain to your readers the real meaning behind his words.

EHUD OLMERT, MK

Asher Wallfish comments:
I regret that I find myself in such bad company.

POLLARD AND THE LAVI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - The strongly worded article by Messrs. Mehlman and Epstein ("An ugly distortion of justice" - June 9) very clearly makes the points that Caspar Weinberger's intention has been to withhold vital information from Israel in order to keep this country on the strategic defensive. Weinberger's fury was boundless when Jonathan Pollard provided Israel with intelligence that could give us a needed military advantage.

Just as frightening is the fact that the American Jewish community passively acquiesced in Weinberger's reasoning.

What next will be withheld from

Israel? Might it be F-16s? That is why, in spite of all the financial difficulties involved, we must find a way to produce our own fighter

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - The Nafsu case has probably left most people with a feeling of distaste, to put it mildly. We have gone a long way down the slippery path since those heady, wonderful days in 1947 when we could join Herzl in his vision of a Jewish State being a "light unto the nations."

An anagram of the name Nafsu is Snafu, which any British Army World War II soldier can explain as a blunder. Does this suggest something significant to us?

LEO CAMOON

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COMPUTER AGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - Your regular computer page is useful and of interest. It is, however, worth pointing out that Israel is rapidly being computerised without providing its inhabitants with a reliable supply of electricity. The writing of this letter has been interrupted four times, and this is not exceptional in this country. It is clearly inexcusable, for modern technology and the local standard of living ought to make it possible to provide such an elementary service.

Herziya. B. ISAAC

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